Rural Cultivation & Atmospheric Emulation Application (RCAEA) Design Document

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Design Document

The Design Documents describes and shows the details of the classes, methods and variables involved in building the application. The Class Description provides a description for all the classes. The Method Description clarifies some of the methods. In the interaction section some of the more abstract methods are shown how they will interact with each other.

Class Description

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| Name | Description | Contains | Returns |
| Simulation | Simulation is a core class, it contains all the necessary data for the GUI to display. The Simulation is in charge of playing, stopping, and restarting the simulation. It is also in charge of getting User input on how much fertilizer, water, soil type to be used in the simulation, and determining which province the application will use. | FileHeader, DataBase, Plot, Statistics |  |
| SimulationStorage | Uses the FileHeader to connect to the database and save or load a simulation. | FileHeader |  |
| File Header | Connects directly to the database and provides read and write functionality. |  |  |
| DataBase | On creation the DataBase object connects to the Applications database to specifically retrieve weather, and crop information. It will hold all information of crop and weather objects stored in the Applications Database. This object can always be used to retrieve a crop or weather object. |  | Weather, Crops |
| Weather | The weather object is created from the database and contains weather data properties that pertains to a particular province and month. |  |  |
| Plot | A plot is the center point where all the conditions and factors for a crops status are expressed. It keeps tracks of itself as the user moves through the timeline by creating and holding the necessary amount of PlotWeek objects. A plot can also calculate a crops status at any given time and return the details in a CropData Object. A plot can add and/or remove a crop. In order to determine the status of a crop The Plot utilizes the database object from its base class the Simulation to retrieve weather and crop details located in the database. A Plot will also draw itself and determine when it needs to be redrawn based on the current date then simulation is on. | PlotWeek | CropData |
| PlotWeek | Represents the status of a plot in a given week. | Crop,Weather |  |
| Crop | Crops are originally created by the database. A Crop contains all its requirements to survive. It is also capable of creating and managing CropWeeks that is stored inside. | CropWeeks |  |
| CropWeek | Crop Week houses data of the crops status that pertains to a particular time in its growth. |  |  |
| CropData | CropData is created by the plot, it is a summary of information that useful to the user. It information that was created based on a particular crop, time, plot values, crop values, weather values, and user input such as watering options. |  |  |
| Statistics | This class generates a summary or specific information and interacts directly with the GUI to display information. |  |  |
| Report | The Report generates a text file based on the simulation(s) object it will make use of the statistics object to create a useful detailed overview for the user. | Simulation |  |

Method Description

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| Method | Description | Returns | Class |
| + run( ) | The simulation runs from the start date until the end date. Run will update the currentDate variable based on the elapsed time from the start date. Unless paused, the plots will be updated based on the currentDate. |  | Simulation |
| +saveSimulation(string fileName) | Save Simulation checks to see if the simulation has made chances since its last save and then turns the simulation into a binary file,uses the FileHandler class to go into the database and save the current simulations name and object. |  | SimulationStorage |
| +LoadSimulation( string fileName) | Enters into the database using the FileHandler class and searchs for the given the FileName and turns the binary file into a simulation object and subsequently returns that object. | Simulation | SimulationStorage |
| +getCurrentCropData() | Calculates the crop details and returns the information as a CropData object. This method however will take into account the currentDate from the Simulation base class. | CropData | Plot |
| -drawSelf( ) | Each plot will be in charge of drawing itself. As the simulation moves back and forth between weeks drawSelf will be called ONLY when the current image displayed needs to be changed based. |  | Plot |
| +deleteAllCrops() | Will firstly look at the surrounding Plots and if the surrounds plots hold the same type of crops then deleteAllCrops will also be called in the other plot. Until no crop is found. Then it will delete the crop in the plot all the weeks until its |  | Plot |
| -manageWeeks( ) | Monitors based on the start and end date how many PlotWeek objects are needed and creates/delete them as necessary. |  | Plot |
| -calBegintoEnd( ) | When a significant change has happened in a plot that will affect the rest of the plots time line. This method will be called to re-calculate the plot from the week 0 until the end. Such as Inserting a new crop in the middle of the timeline. |  | Plot |
| -calCurrentDate( ) | This methods considers the current date the simulation is at will call drawself if needed. This method is called when CurrentDate has changed. |  | Plot |
| -loadImage( ) | When the database object is created, this method will be called. Connects to the database and fills the databases list of images with images from the database. | List<Images> | DataBase |
| -getImage(String CropName, int images number) | Finds the specific image requested by the user in the List of images the database class holds and returns an Image. | Image | DataBase |
| +getDefaultSoilType() | When the plots are first initialized they require a some values set by the SoilType, this method returns the non-user specified or default soil type, set in the database. | SoilType | Database |

Crop Attribute

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| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Death Rule** | **General Rules** |
| Maturity Length | The time (in weeks) it takes for the crop to reach full maturity. When a crop reaches maturity it will be automatically harvested. |  |  |
| Water Minimum | The minimum amount water the crop needs. A crop that can last longer without water has a higher minimum. |  | The lower the minimum water the more water needed to keep it alive. |
| Thirst | The amount of water absorbed why the plant each week. |  |  |
| Water Maximum | The maximum amount of water a crop can handle. |  |  |
| Temperature | The recommended temperature for survival Celsius | If weather temp is X degrees below temperature for 2 week, if weather temp is below Y degree for 1 week. If weather temp is 10 degrees above temperature. |  |
| NutritionRate | The amount of nutrients absorbed each week. |  |  |
| Maturity |  | When maturity is -1 the crop is dead | Increased 1 per week |
| Image Changed | True if the crops image has changed from the previous or following week. For example reached the next stage of growth or dead. |  |  |
| Current Image | The current image number to display for the crop |  |  |
| Crop Week | The number of Crop Weeks are determined by the maturity length. |  | If a crop dies before it reaches maturity |

Plot Attributes

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| **Attribute** | **Description** | **Decrease Rule** | **General Rules** |
| SoilType | Sets the initial values for a plot (week 0) |  |  |
| Is Empty | If a crop is in the Plot for a specific week. |  |  |
| Water saturation | The amount of water in the soil. | Decreases each week by weather temperature, crop thirst, and saturation lose rate. |  |
| Water Maximum |  |  |  |
| Soil nutrition | The amount of nutrition in the soil. | Absorbed each week by a crop. | Increased by user input fertilizer given. Amount given is based on current soil nutrition and maximum soil nutrition. |
| Maximum Soil Nutrition | The maximum amount of nutrition that a crop can handle. |  |  |
| Plot Week | The number of Plot weeks are determined by the beginning and end dates. |  | When beginning or end dates are changed the number of plot weeks and position of those plot weeks within a plot are accordingly adjusted.added/deleted. |

Exception/Error Rules

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| **Exception** | **Description** | **Solution** |
| Crop Dies | A plot has detected that a Crop has died before it has reached maturity. | If the application has detected a crop will die during the course of its life, the plot will turn red until the end of the Crops maturity. If the user clicks on a red Plot in the information panel it will give the reason for its death. |
| DataBase Object cannot connect to the database. | When the application starts or if a call to the database is made somewhere during the run time of the application. |  |

Interaction

Concussion