

CSCI-4448/5448: Object Oriented Programming
Final Project Report : Find Me A Job



Team # 33

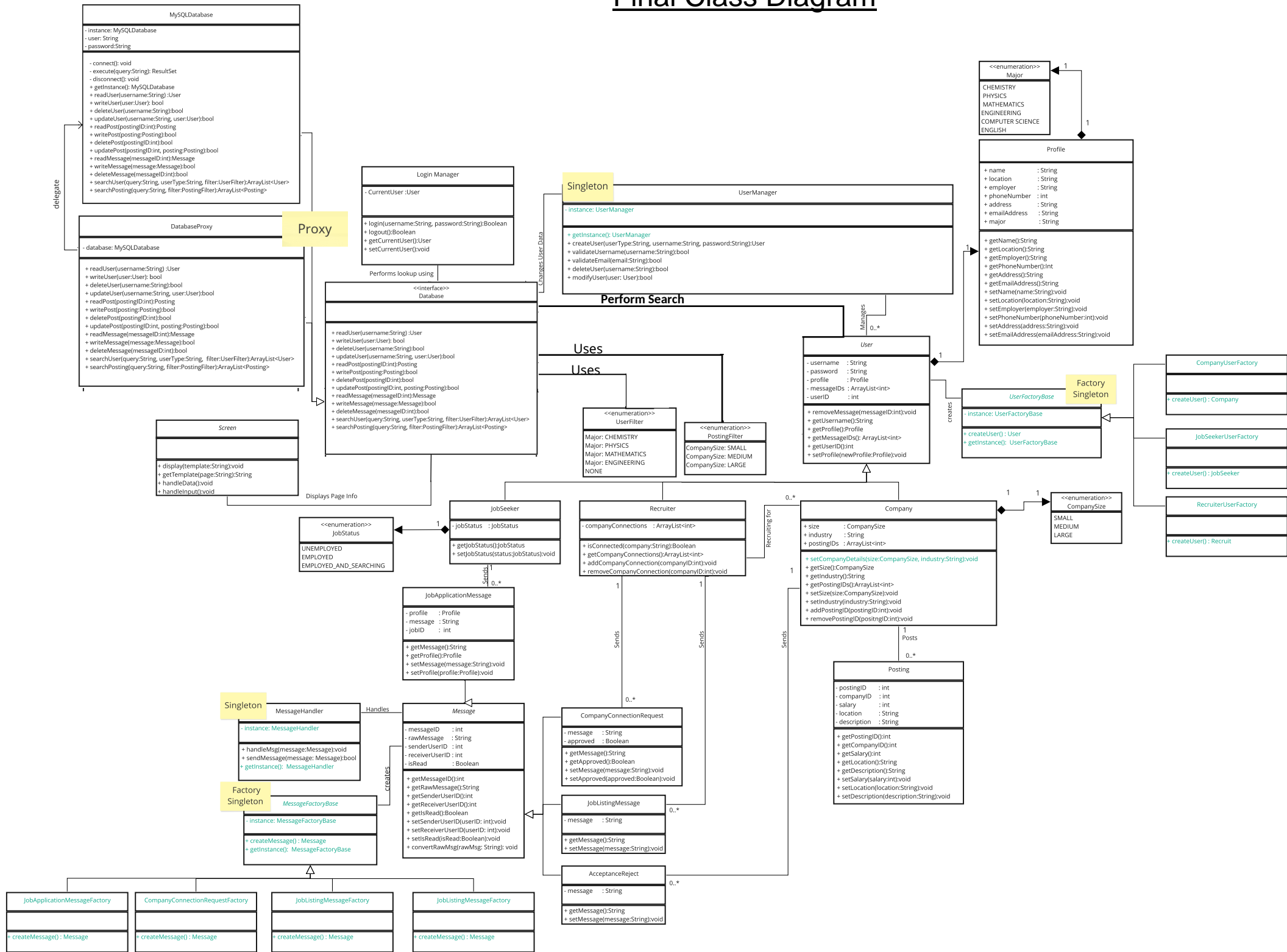
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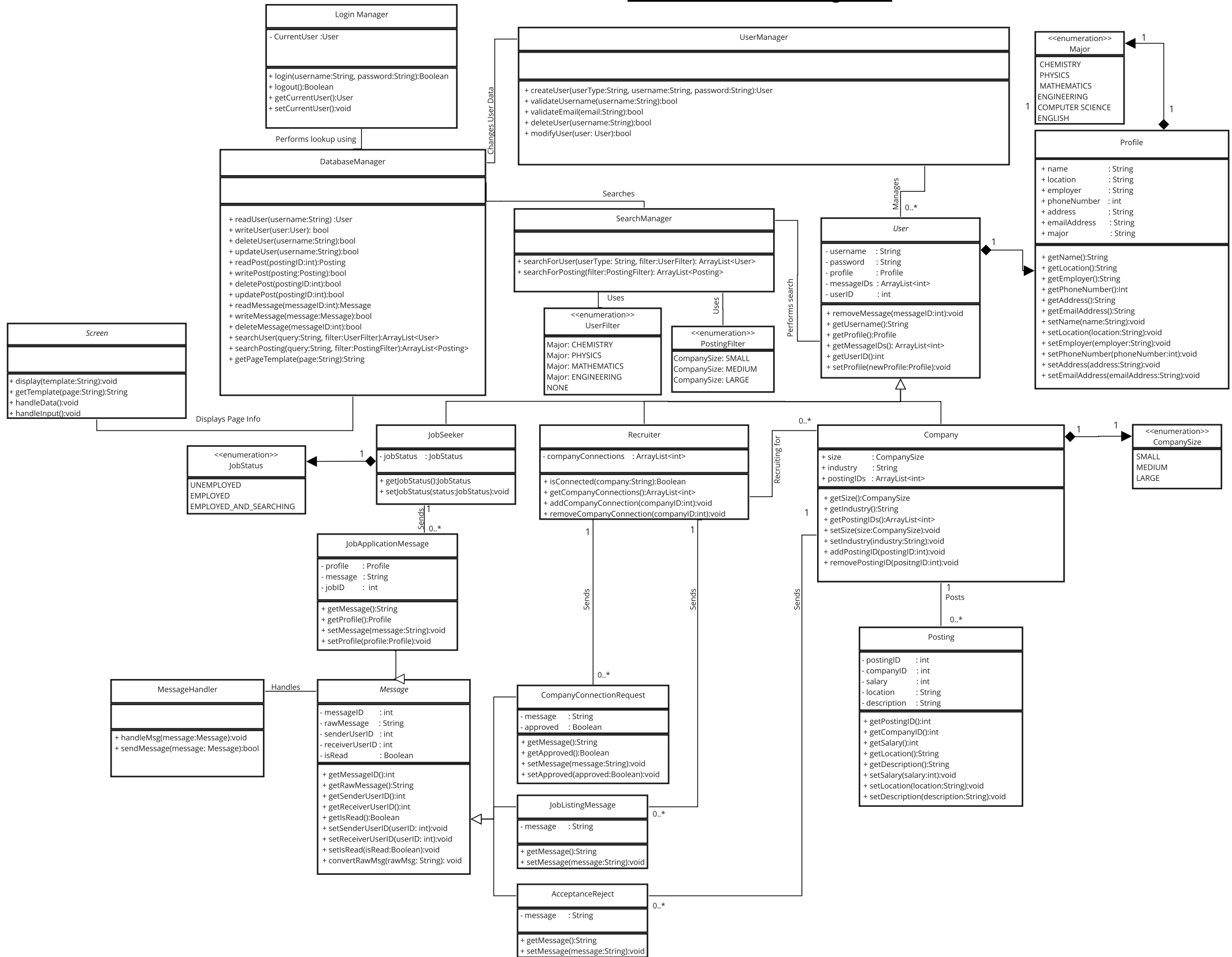
Features Implemented	
ID	Title
UC-006	Search Profile
UC-016	Search for Job Listings
UC-019	View Job Listing
UC-018	Apply for Job Listing
UC-025	View Company Job Listing
UC-024	Send Job Listing

Features Not Implemented	
ID	Title
UC-003	Sign Up
UC-001	Log in
UC-023	Send Company Connection Request
UC-013	Send Accept/Reject Message

Final Class Diagram



Part 2 Class Diagram



Refactoring the Class Diagram

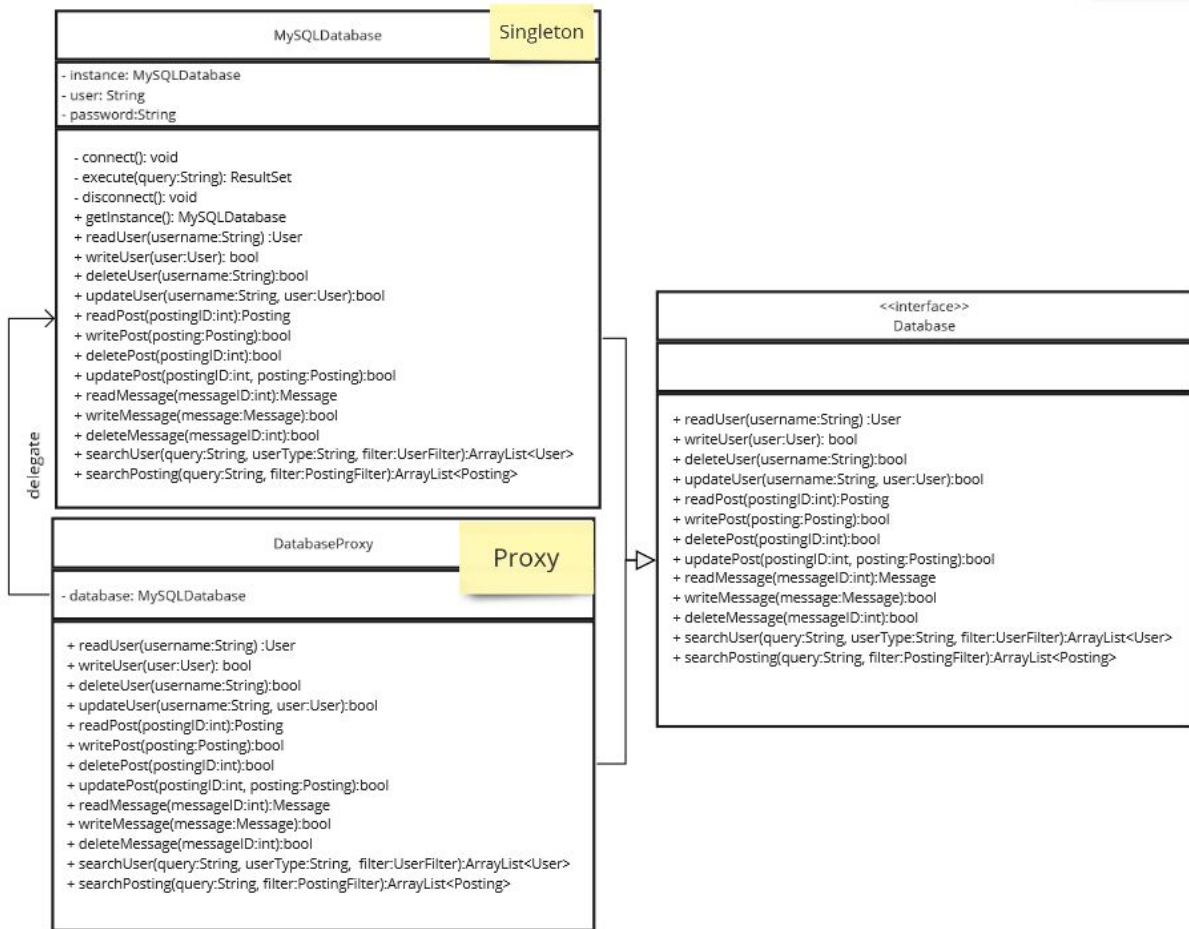
We used the Proxy, Factory and Singleton design patterns. The Proxy design pattern made the database part of the class diagram easier to read. It also made it clear how information will be pulled from the database. The Proxy pattern also makes it easier to change or add another database in the case where another type of database needs to be used instead.

We found that the Factory pattern improved our initial design because the User and Message classes have multiple different child classes that need to be instantiated, but had slightly different implementations of their child methods. Although this added more classes to the diagram, it removed ambiguity in how the child classes would be instantiated. There were classes for which we wanted only one instantiation, for those we used Singleton.

Design Pattern Implementation

Proxy and Singleton Pattern

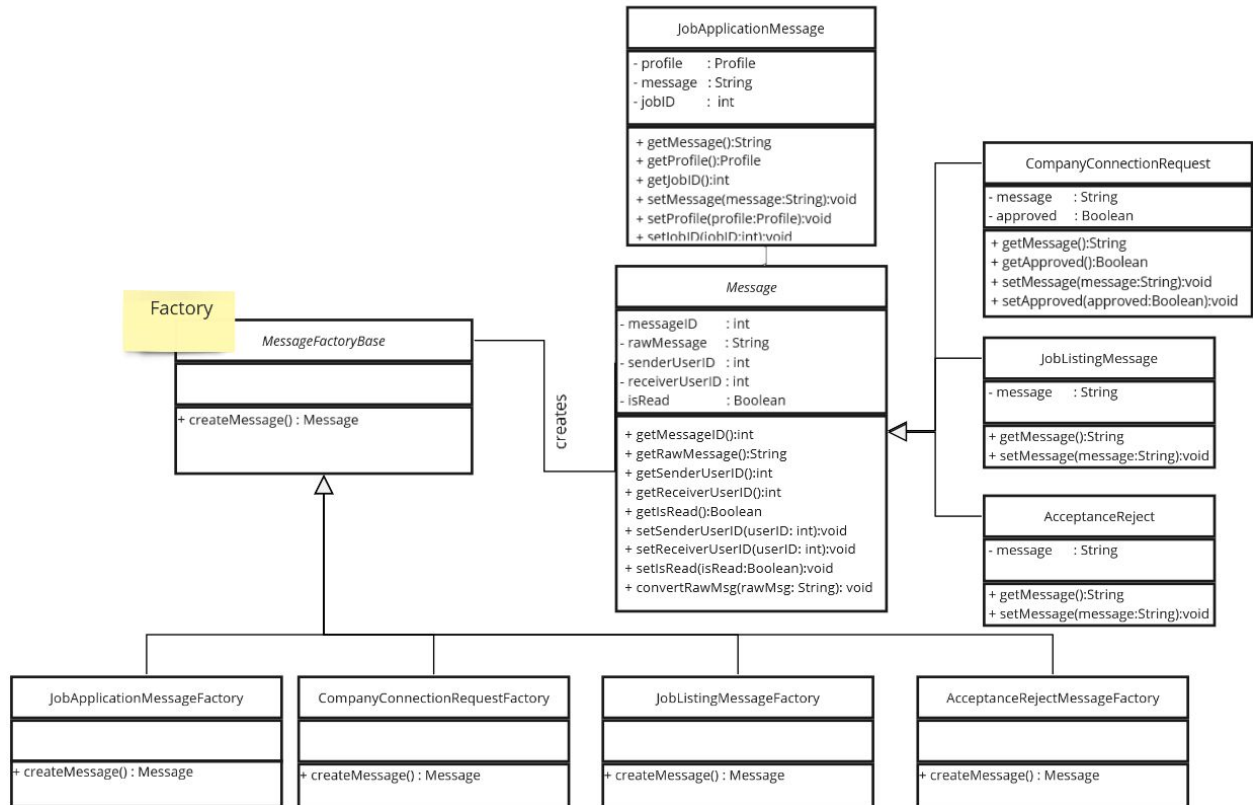
For the implementation of the database we used a combination of Proxy and Singleton Pattern. The Database interface was created enabling common methods such as readPost or writePost for any instance of a database and the DatabaseProxy. A specific instance of a type of database (in our case MySQLDatabase) implemented the Database interface and uses the Singleton pattern ensuring only one instance of this type of database. MySQLDatabase is written to do lazy instantiation so it only creates the instance when getInstance is called. The ProxyDatabase uses the Proxy pattern to refer to the MySQL database singleton instance, decoupling the MySQL database from the client code calling the database methods.



Classes implementing Proxy and Singleton Design Pattern

Factory Pattern

Although we did not implement all features for the Prototype, we still implemented the Factory pattern for creating the `JobListingMessage` and `JobApplicationMessage` using our `JobApplicationMessageFactory` and `JobListingMessageFactory` that inherit from abstract `MessageFactoryBase`. Each of these message factories enabled one place for our client code to create a specific type of message.



Classes implementing Factory Design Pattern

Learning Outcomes: Creation, Design, Implementation

Our team learned that design decisions early on in the project can have a large influence how the project proceeds. Almost all of the early discussions involving the users and how we wanted them to interact with the system changed how we worked on the diagrams further down the road. It was also important for our process of design to model parts of the diagrams and then update them iteratively. Doing this instead of trying to get everything done the first time it hits the paper helped us understand what each other's ideas were and helped start discussions about particular design decisions.

The design patterns we decided to use improved the class diagram greatly because they offered solutions to some of the issues we were having with ambiguity in how parts of the system should be implemented. Having many discussions and doing much upfront planning reduced the amount of work we needed to do later on when implementing the system. The total time it took to implement our demo was about 5 hours. If we had to have many of the design discussions interrupting the implementation, the time required to implement the demo would have been much longer.