UML Editor Second Iteration
Design Summary
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The focus on the overall design for the second iteration of the UML editor was continuing the development of the basic elements for an intuitive, consistent, and thought out user interface that works well with the software's design while implementing a high level of functionality. However, unlike the last iteration, functionality was the top priority of this iteration. We continued to focus on the behavior and look of our software, but we also wanted to begin to develop the functionality of the program so that it might be close to fully functional after this iteration. We were hoping to combine the focus on behavior and look of the software from the first iteration with an emphasis on functionality in this iteration.

At this point our UML editor opens and displays a standard horizontal menu bar, a vertical toolbar on the left, and a large central staging area/work space in the center. Currently the user can create a box by clicking the box button on the toolbar. A box appears and can be moved by the user. To move the box the user can mouse down and hold over the box. Once this is done a grid will appear on the screen in the stage/workspace area. While still moused down (and the grid is present) the user can move the mouse to change the position of the box in the staging area. Releasing the mouse button will snap the box on the grid at the selected location, and the grid view will disappear. The user is able to add text to the box in four different sections. The sections are the class name, attribute, operation, and miscellaneous. Class name must have some type of input, but the other three do not need input. If they are not used, the sections are minimized.

The user also has access to two more options on the tool bar. One will be used to create relations between the boxes, and the second can be used to erase boxes. Once the user chooses to create a relation, a generalized relation appears. If the user clicks on the relation, a text box opens to add text to the relation line. If the user is also capable of deleting the text boxes and relations.

 The UI design is selection focused. The idea here being that objects once rendered in the workspace area are selectable. Once an object is selected the toolbar will display actions that can be performed on that object. This is to streamline the interface for the user in an attempt to create a simplified, and intuitive experience. It also serves a practical use as well. It allows for future scalability of the toolbar interface to include more buttons/features on a single toolbar without worrying about making all the buttons fit into the usable area within the toolbar simultaneously. For example when a class box is selected then toolbar should show options unique to a class box. The hope is that doing this will provide consistent UI experience while still being intuitive.

The program is written using JavaFX. When launched the program creates a staging area for the application with a default size of 1200 x 800. It also creates an instantiation of the controller class. The controller class is responsible for displaying all the elements of the UML Editor application such as the toolbar, boxes, relations, the workspace, and eventually arrows and text labels. The program also uses a CSS style sheet for its visual motif and physical layout. The toolbar, controller, and the workspace are all singletons in that there will only ever be one of each. The program uses the Model View Controller (MVC) design with the controller class functioning as the controller, and having access to the relation, box, toolbar and workspace classes.

For future iterations of UML Editor the team would like to implement features such as saving and loading diagrams, and provided the time possibly printing of the diagrams. The team would also like to add scrollbars to the window. The toolbar will have the ability to manipulate relations (when they are selected) to include different arrows to correspond with different types of relations.