# Product Requirements Document
## Submission 1 Specification

**2Pizzas**

SWEN90007 SM2 2021 Project

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Proposal

This document specifies the SWEN90007 project use cases, actors to be implemented, and the system's domain model.

## 1.2 Target Users

This document is mainly intended for SWEN90007 students and teaching team.

## 1.3 Assumptions, conventions, terms, and abbreviations

This section explains the concept of some important terms that will be used throughout this document. These terms are detailed alphabetically in the following table.

| Term | Description |
| --- | --- |
| Flight | A flight is a single trip involving a single airline and airplane type that can contain multiple stopover airports between the origin and destination airports. |
| Stopover | A duration of time spent in a location between the flight departure and arrival. |
| URL | Uniform Resource Locator |
| Username | Equivalent to and interchangeable with Email |

# 2. Actors

| Actor | Description |
| --- | --- |
| Administrator | *A user who is responsible for managing the application, which includes adding airlines and airports to the system.* |
| Airline | *A user who is responsible for adding, removing, and modifying flights on behalf of an airline.* |
| Customer | *A user who accesses the application to search and book flights.* |

# 3. Use Cases

## 3.1 Use Case Diagram
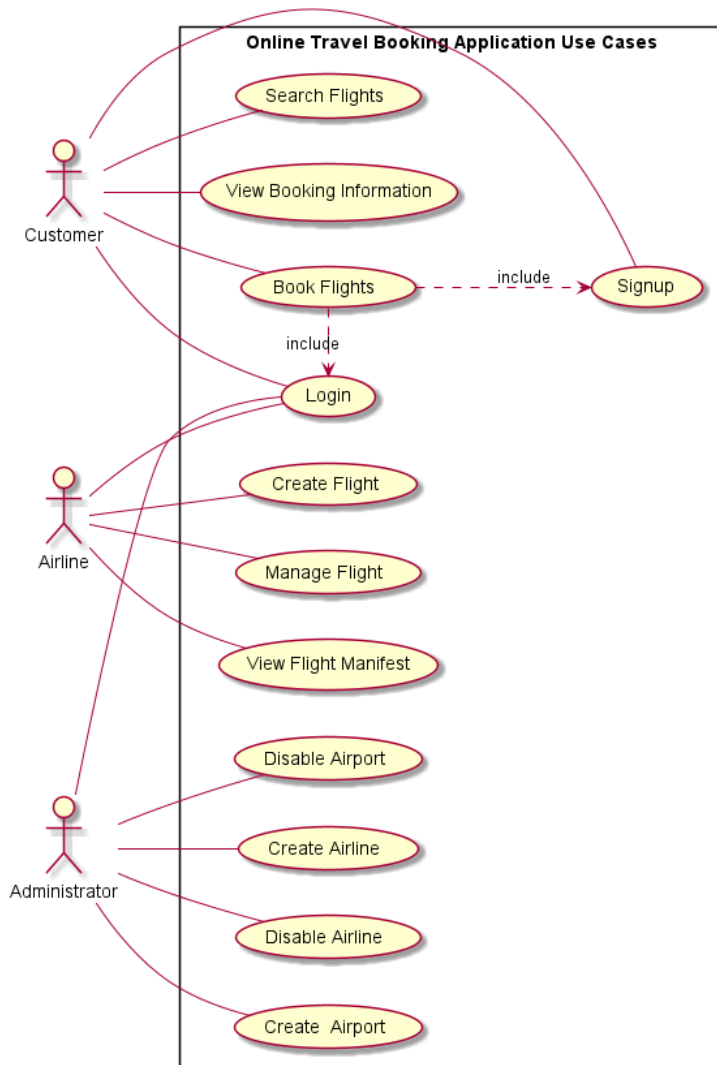


## 3.2 User Authentication

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### [UC001] Login

**Actors**

Administrator, Airline, Customer

**Pre-conditions**

The user account exists, the user is on the Login page

**Main Events Flow**

1. User enters username and password
2. The system validates the fields – [AF04]
3. User clicks login button

4. System retrieves user details and verifies with provided login details
5. If the System detects that the provide credentials are invalid – [EF01]
6. System redirects to appropriate dashboard – [AF01] [AF02] [AF03]

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Customer Login**

1. If the user is a Customer and the user is completing a booking prior to login then the user is redirected to the Booking Summary page
2. If the user is a Customer and the user is not completing a booking prior to login then the user is redirect to the Home page

**[AF02] Airline Login**

1. If the user is an Airline, the user is redirected to the Airline Dashboard page

**[AF02] Administrator Login**

1. If the user is an Administrator, the user is redirected to the Administrator Dashboard page

**[AF04] Mandatory Field Not Filled**

1. System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**Exception Flow**

**[EF01] Invalid Credentials**

1. System detects that the provided username or password is incorrect
2. System displays message to user explaining that the user could not be authorized as the combination of username and credentials is incorrect

**Post-conditions**

The user is logged in and authorization token is stored for further interactions with the system

## 3.3   Airport Management

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**[UC002] Create Airport**

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**Actors**

Administrator

**Pre-conditions**

The administrator user is authenticated, the user is on the Administrator dashboard.

**Main Events Flow**

1. User selects Airport page from Administrator Dashboard
2. System presents user with Airport page
3. User selects to create new airport
4. System presents user with form to create new airport
5. User enters new airport details, such as airport name, code, location and time zone ID

6. The system validates the fields – [AF01]
7. User clicks submit button
8. System persists new airport
9. System redirects user back to Administrator Dashboard page

**Alternative Flows**
**[AF01] Mandatory Field Not Filled**
1. System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**Exception Flows**
Not applicable

**Post-conditions**
New Airport is added to airport catalogue and available in system for later use

## [UC003] Disable Airport

**Actors**
Administrator

**Pre-conditions**
The administrator user is authenticated, the user is on the Administrator dashboard. An Airport exists in the system

**Main Events Flow**
1. User selects Airport page from Administrator Dashboard page
2. System presents user with catalogue of airports
3. User finds desired airport in list of airports
4. User selects disable button for the target airport
5. System sets and persists state of airport in system to INACTIVE
6. System displays airport as INACTIVE in list of airports on Administrator Dashboard page

**Alternative Flows**
Not applicable

**Exception Flows**
Not applicable

**Post-conditions**
The Airport status is set to INACTIVE

## 3.4 Airline Management

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**[UC004] Create Airline**

**Actors**

Administrator

**Pre-conditions**

The administrator user is authenticated, the user is on the Administrator dashboard.

**Main Events Flow**

1. User selects Airline page from Administrator Dashboard page
2. System presents user with Airline page
3. User selects to add new airline
4. System presents user with form to create new airline
5. User fills out required information to create new airline, such as username, code, name, and password,
6. System validates form fields – [AF01]
7. User selects submit
8. System creates and persists requested Airport in database
9. System redirects user to catalogue of system airports and shows newly created airport

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Mandatory Field Not Filled**

1. System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

The Airline is created in the system and the airline user is able to log into the system with configured credentials

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**[UC005] Disable Airline**

**Actors**

Administrator

**Pre-conditions**

The administrator user is authenticated, the user is on the Administrator dashboard. The Airline exists in the system

**Main Events Flow**

1. User selects Airline page from Administrator dashboard
2. System presents user with catalogue of system airlines

3. User finds target airline in catalogue
4. User selects button to disable airline
5. System sets and persists state of airline as INACTIVE
6. Airline appears as inactive in airline catalogue

**Alternative Flows**

Not applicable

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

The Airline account is disabled and attempt to authenticate to the systems as an Airline user will fail

## 3.5   Flight Management

| [UC006] Create Flight |
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**Actors**

Airline

**Pre-conditions**

The airline user is authenticated, the user is on the Airline dashboard

**Main Events Flow**

1. User selects Flights page from Airline dashboard
2. System presents user with catalogue of system flights for that airline
3. User selects to create a new flight
4. System loads airports and airplane profiles to present user
5. System presents user with form to create a new flight
6. User completes form, selecting origin and destinations airports from loaded airports, selecting an airplane profile from loaded profile, and providing other required fields such as departure and arrival times, code, and costs for each seat class
7. System validates input
8. User submits form
9. System creates and persists flight in database and persists all required flight seats according to selected airplane profile
10. System redirects user to flight catalogue and presents user with newly created flight

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Mandatory Field Not Filled**
2. System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**[AF03] Invalid Input Entered**
1. System identifies any of the following errors, flight departure occurs after the flight arrival time, any of the stopovers occur outside the time between flight departure and arrival
2. System presents an error message to the user
3. Go to [UC006.5]

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

The new flight is created and persisted in the system with no current seat allocations and with a state of ON_SCHEDULE, flight appears in appropriate search results.

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**[UC007] Manage Flight**

**Actors**

Airline

**Pre-conditions**

The airline user is authenticated, the user is on the Airline dashboard. The flight exists in the system

**Main Events Flow**
1. User selects Flights page from Airline dashboard
2. System presents user with catalogue of system flights for that airline
3. User finds target flight in flight catalogue
4. User selects view flight button for target flight
5. System presents the user with the flight view page and status change buttons [AF01] [AF02] [AF03]
6. User selects edit button
7. System presents the use with the flight edit page with form to edit flight details
8. [AF04]
9. System redirects user to flight catalogue and presents user with updated flight

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Cancel Flight**
1. User selects the cancel flight button
2. System sets state of flight to CANCELLED and persists the new flight state

**[AF02] Delay Flight**
1. User selects the mark as delayed button
2. System sets state of flight to DELAYED and persists the new flight state

**[AF03] Schedule Flight**
1. User selects the mark as to schedule button
2. System sets state of flight to TO_SCHEDULE and persists the new flight state

**[AF04] Edit Flight Details**
1. User alters fields on flight edit form, optionally setting a new departure time, arrival time and stopovers.
2. System validates form input – [AF05]
3. User selects submit
4. System sets new fight details for flight and persists updated flight

**[AF05] Invalid Input Entered**
1. System identifies any of the following errors, new departure occurs after the flight arrival time, any of the existing or new stopovers occur outside the time between flight departure and arrival
2. System presents an error message to the user
3. Go to [UC007.8]

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

New flight state and details are persisted in the system

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## [UC008] View Flight Manifest

**Actors**

Airline

**Pre-conditions**

The airline user is authenticated, the user is on the Airline dashboard. The flight exists in the system

**Main Events Flow**
1. User selects Flights page from Airline dashboard
2. System presents user with catalogue of system flights for that airline
3. User finds target flight in flight catalogue
4. User selects view flight for target flight
5. System presents flight view page with list of passenger details (given name, surname, passport number, date of birth, name of booked seat, class of booked seat, nationality) for that flight

**Alternative Flows**

Not applicable

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

Not applicable

## 3.6 Booking Management

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**[UC009] Search Flights**

**Actors**

Customer

**Pre-conditions**

The user is on the home page.

**Main Events Flow**

1. User selects origin and destination airports, departure date and number of passengers
2. User optionally selects to search for return flights – [AF01]
3. User submits search criteria
4. System searches flight catalogue for flights that satisfy the flight criteria
5. System presents user with list flights in search results, system filters out all flights with CANCELLED status, all flights that have already departed, and all flights with no seat availabilities

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Search with Return Flight Results**

1. User selects a return date to search for return flights
2. User submits search criteria
3. System searches flight catalogue for flights that satisfy the outbound flight criteria and a second search that satisfies the return flight criteria
4. System directs user to flight search results page
5. System presents user with list of outbound flights and seconds lists of return flights in the search results, system filters out all flights with CANCELLED status, all flights that have already departed, and all flights with no seat availabilities

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

Flight search results is stored in session to be used later for booking flow

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**[UC010] Book Flights**

**Actors**

Customer

**Pre-conditions**

The user has completed a flight search according to [UC009], user is on the Flight Search Results page

**Main Events Flow**

1.  System presents user with list of flight results from original search
2.  User selects desired flight from list of flights in flight search results
3.  System adds flight to booking request
4.  If the original search includes return flights – [AF02]
5.  User selects book button
6.  If user is not logged – [AF03]
7.  System presents user with Booking Details page with a passenger form for each passenger
8.  User enters passenger details for each passenger (given name, surname, passport number, date of birth, name of booked seat, nationality) – [AF01]
9.  User assigns an available seat to each passenger
10. System adds seat allocations to the booking request
11. If the original search includes return flights - [AF04]
12. User selects complete booking button
13. System finalizes booking request and submits request
14. System checks the availability of requested seats and creates a new booking in system for flight, seats and user – [EF01]
15. System redirects user to Customer Booking page and presents new booking in list of bookings for customer

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Mandatory field not filled**

1.  System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**[AF02] Choose Booking Return Flight**

1.  User selects desired flight from the list of return flights
2.  System adds flight to booking request

**[AF03] Customer Authentication**

1.  System presents login form to user
    a.  If user has a Customer account include [UC001]
    b.  If user does not have a Customer account include [UC011]
2.  System redirects user to booking details page to complete booking flow. Go to [UC010.6]

**[AF04] Choose Return Flight Seats**

1.  User allocates seat on return flight to each passenger
2.  System adds seat allocations to booking request

**Exception Flows**

**[EF01] Flight Seats are Already Booked**

1.  System presents a message to the user informing them that the requested booking could not be completed because one or more seats requested in the booking are no longer available
2.  System performs original search showing updated availabilities for flights
3.  System redirects user to Flight Search Results page and presents new search results

**Post-conditions**

Booking is created in the system and appears in the logged in users Customer Bookings page

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## [UC011] Signup

**Actors**

Customer

**Pre-conditions**

User is on the login page

**Main Events Flow**

1. System presents user with login and signup buttons
2. User selects signup button
3. System presents user with Customer Signup page with signup form
4. User fills out required information in form (given name, surname, username, email and password) – [AF01]
5. User selects signup button – [AF02]

**Alternative Flows**

**[AF01] Mandatory field not filled**

4. System identifies a record containing at least one mandatory field unfilled and displays a message informing that the field is required

**[AF02] Username not Available**

1. System detects that the requested username is already assigned to a user
2. System displays and error to the user requesting that the user provide an alternate username, Go to [UC011.4]

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

The Customer user account is created and the user is able to authenticate as a Customer to the system with the provided credentials

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## [UC012] View Booking Information

**Actors**

Customer

**Pre-conditions**

The Customer user is authenticated and on the Customer Dashboard page

**Main Events Flow**

6. User selects my bookings
7. System presents user with the Customer Bookings page with a list of bookings
8. User selects view button on a booking
9. System presents user with detailed information about booking such as flights booked and passengers and seats associated with the booking

**Alternative Flows**

Not applicable

**Exception Flows**

Not applicable

**Post-conditions**

Not applicable

# 4. Domain Model

## 4.1 Domain Model Description

Based on the specifications provided for the Online Travel Reservation System, the system entities, attributes, and business rules can be summarised as:

- **Users** can be either an **Administrator, Airline, or Customer**;

- Only **Administrators** can create **Airports**;

- Only **Airlines** can create, modify and remove **Flights**;

- Only **Customers** can search for and book **Flights**;

- **Seats** *are either* in **First**, **Business**, or **Economy** class;

- **Planes** *are either* **Airbus** or **Boeing** type;

- **Customers** must have an email;

- **Passengers** must have a passport number;

- **Passengers** can have *one or more* **Bookings;**

- **Bookings** must have a bookingReference;

- **Bookings** are for *one or more* **Passengers;**

- **Booking** are for *one or more* **Seats;**

- **Bookings** have *one* **Flight;**

- **Bookings** may have *one* return **Flight;**

- **Flights** may have *one or more* **Stopovers;**

**Entities** have been bolded; attributes have been underlined; and important *associations* have been italicized.

## 4.2    Domain Model Diagram



Online Travel Booking Application Domain
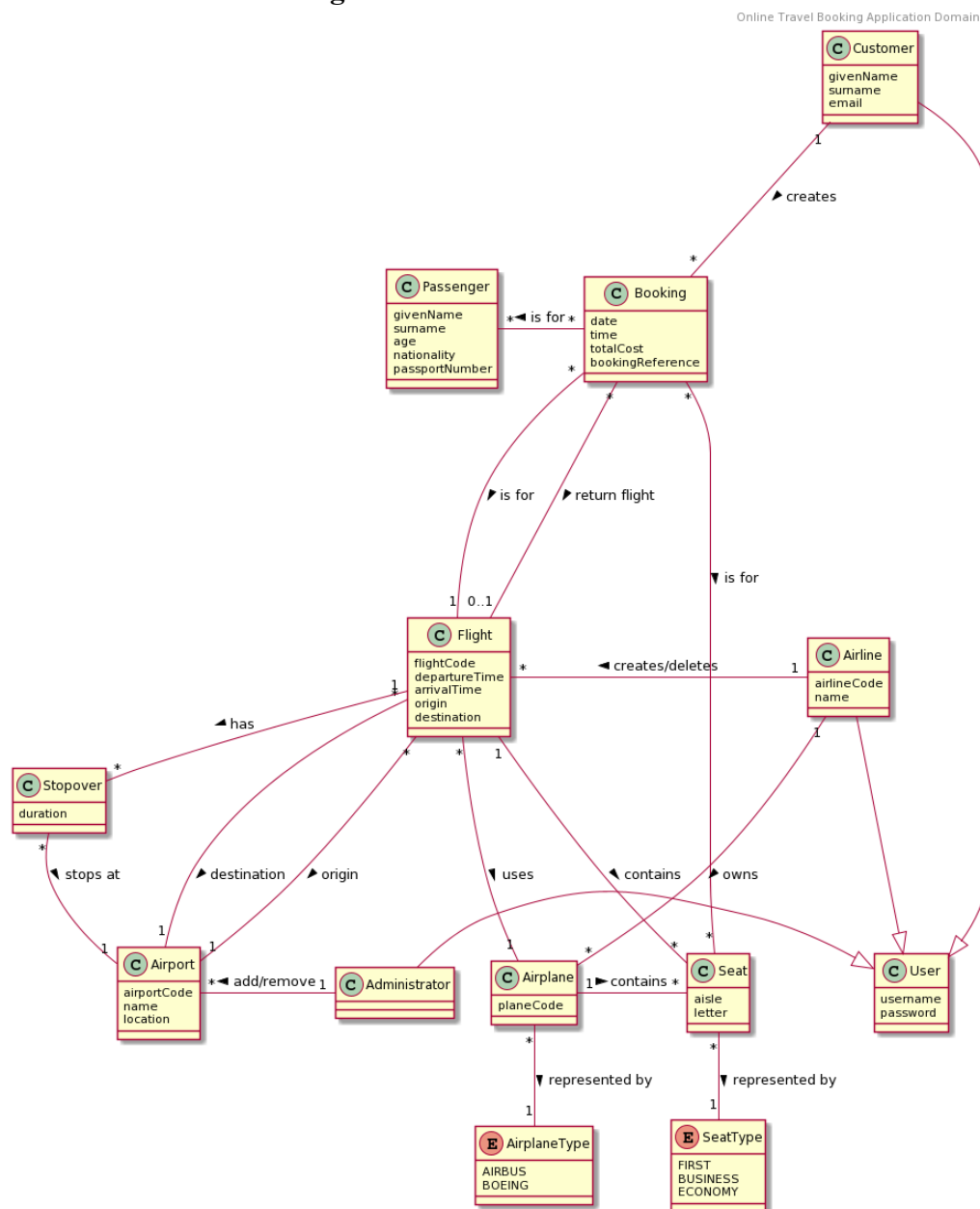
# 5.   Solution Model

Because the 2Pizza system is quite large and complex the three most important layers Application, Domain, and Data have been documented separately.

## 5.1    Application Layer

### 5.1.1    Class Diagram Description

The Application Layer aggregates a number of controllers that delegate to the Domain Layer. This layer is primarily responsible for accepting, validating and transforming HTTP requests into a format that can be consumed by the Domain Layer, additionally this layer transforms responses from the Domain Layer into an appropriate HTTP response to a waiting client.
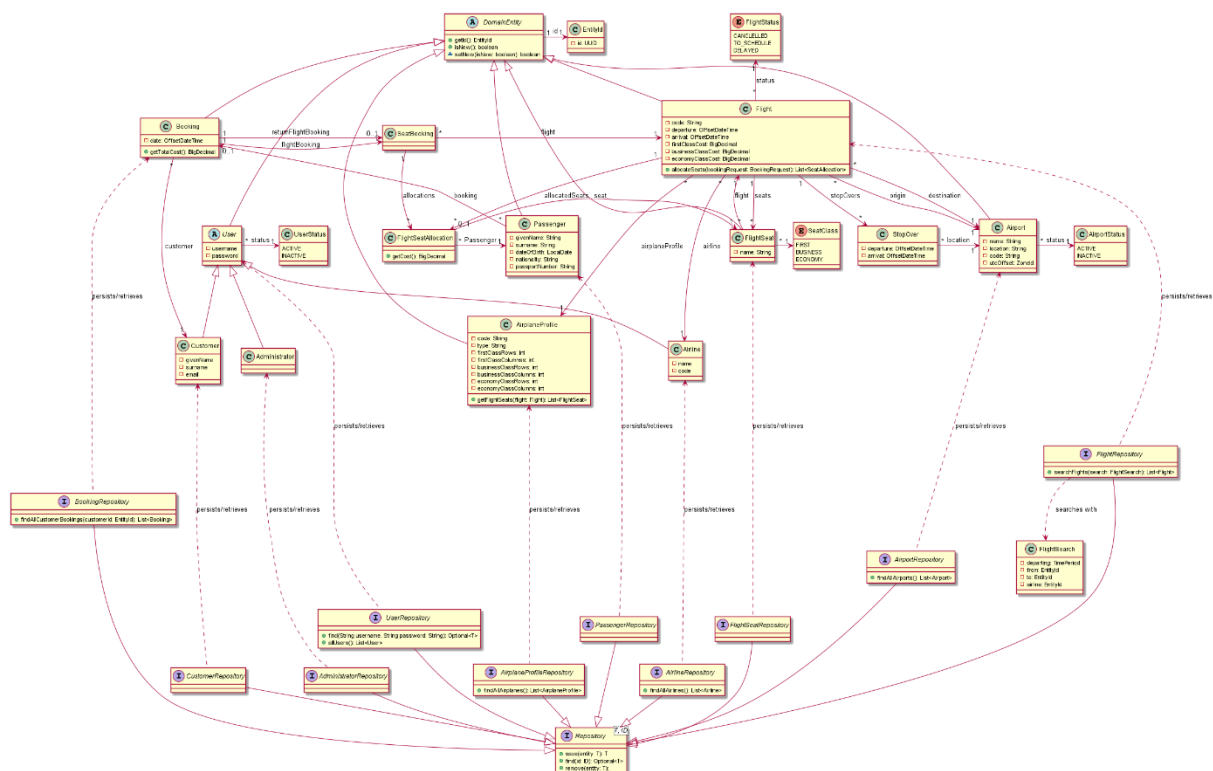
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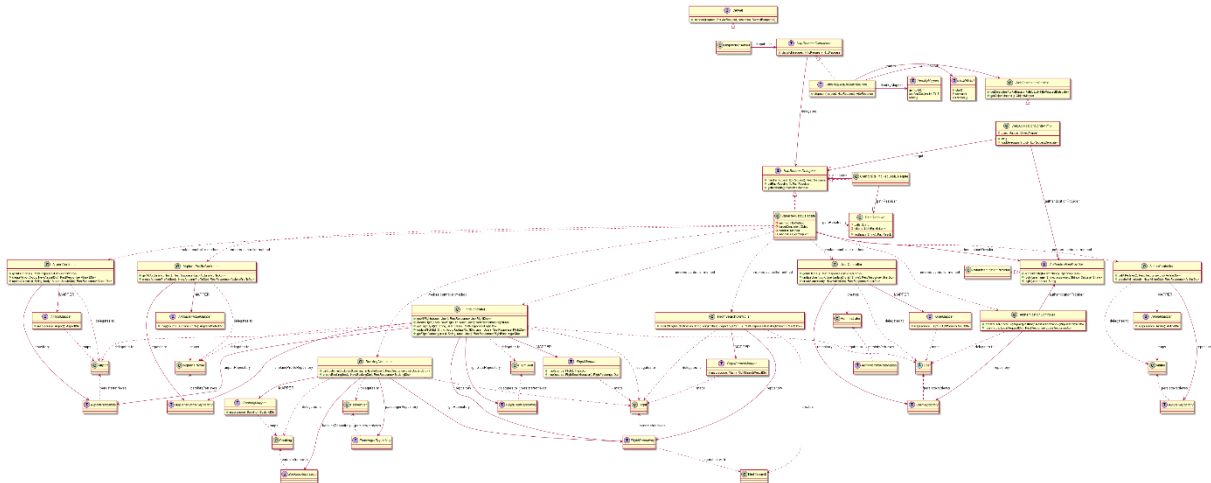


## 5.2 Domain Layer

### 5.2.1 Class Diagram Description

The Domain Layer aggregates all the domain classes, which store and operate on business data. All business logic is implemented in this layer. The Domain Layer also declares a number of Repository interfaces to be implemented in the Data Layer.
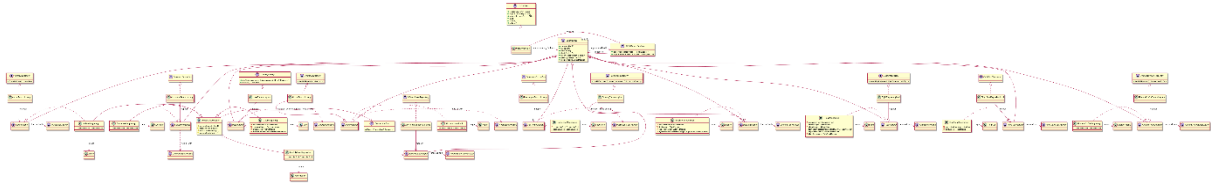
### 5.2.2 Class Diagram

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## 5.3 Data Layer

### 5.3.1 Class Diagram Description

The Data Layer aggregates all the Data Mapper classes as well as implementations for Domain Layer Repository classes.



# 6. Patterns Used

## 6.1 Domain Model

To implement the business logic concerning such actions as creating, managing and booking flight the team made use of the Domain Model to build an object structure that co-locates business data with code that operates on such data. Various classes such as Flight, FlightSeat, User and Booking were identified as entities within the system and attributed appropriate responsibilities for performing business actions within the domain, for example Flights aggregate FlightSeat entities and were identified as the best class to manage allocating FlightSeat entities to a booking, thus a method allocateSeats(BookingRequest request) is implemented within the Flight class.

The following diagram shows the interactions within the Domain Model implementation to allocate seats from a flight to a booking, note that the Booking controller delegates creating the SeatAllocation classes to the Flight class itself – which encapsulates the allocation business logic – before setting these allocations on the booking.
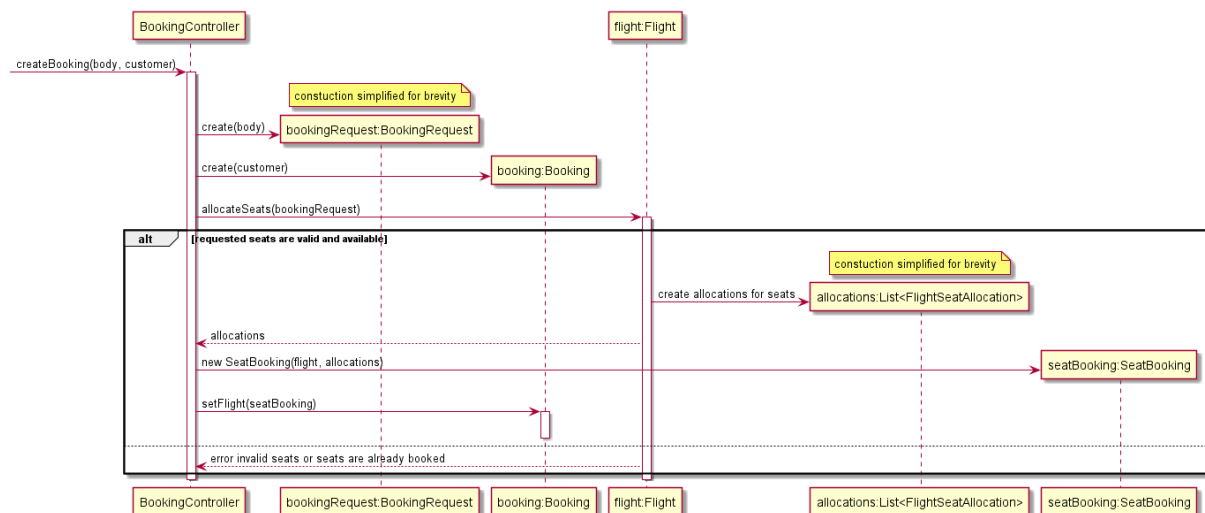


## 6.2 Identity Map

Because the team opted to use UUIDs for implementing the Identity Field pattern, entity identifiers are guaranteed to be unique across the system, this means that one generic Identity Mapper could be implemented to manage all entities in the system.

The IdentityMapper interface exposes several methods to store and retrieve entities retrieved from the database. The get method returns an entity of the required type and identifier if it exists, while the testAndGet method registers a newly retrieved entity with mapper and returns either that entity if it has not yet been retrieved or a prior retrieved instance if one is already registered with the mapper. A reset method is exposed so that the mapper (which is instantiated for each thread) can be cleared between requests.

The diagram below shows the flow taken for retrieving an entity by id from the map and also a test and get method for both registering a new entity and returning either that entity if it has not been loaded or a prior registered instance.
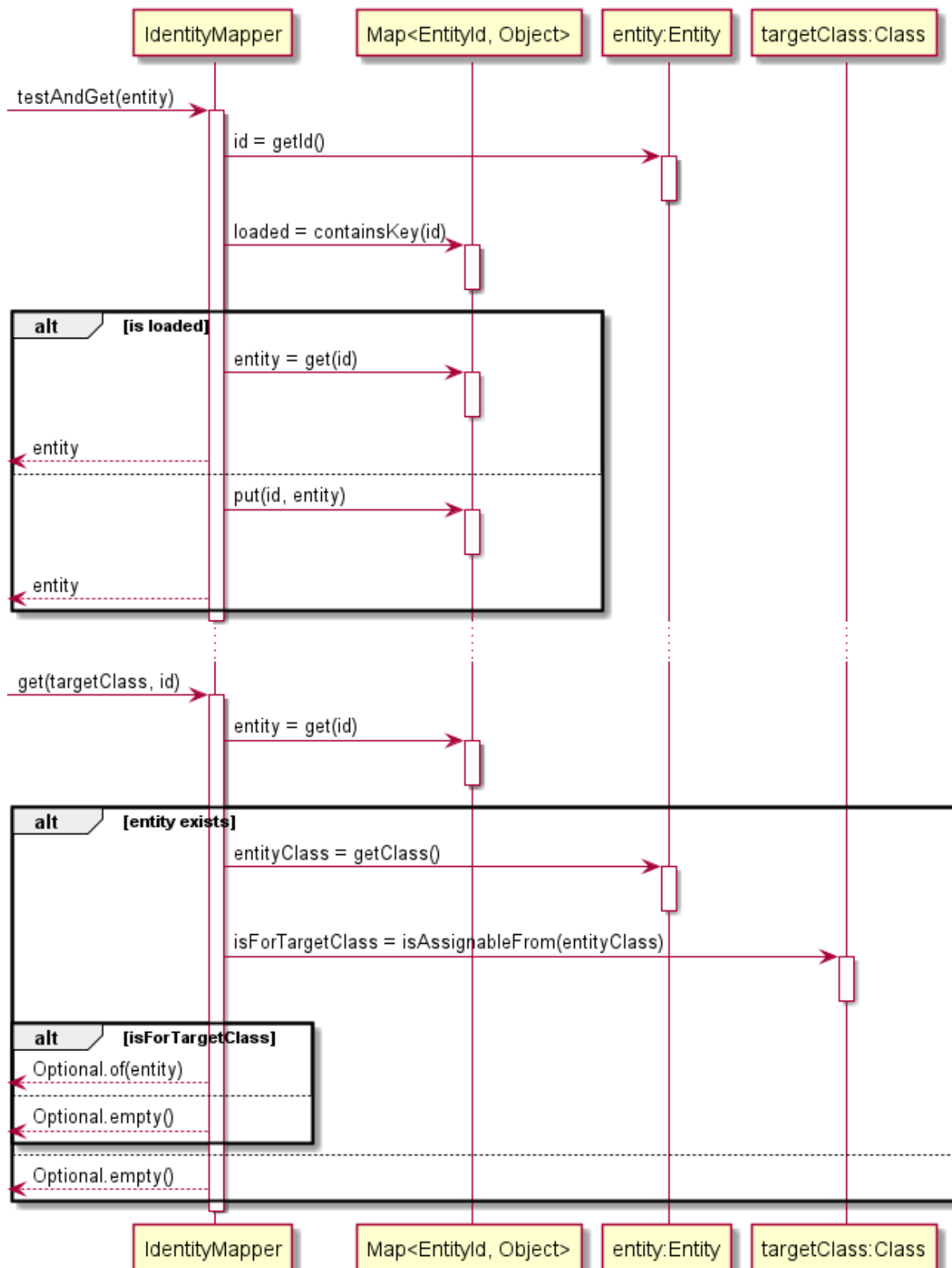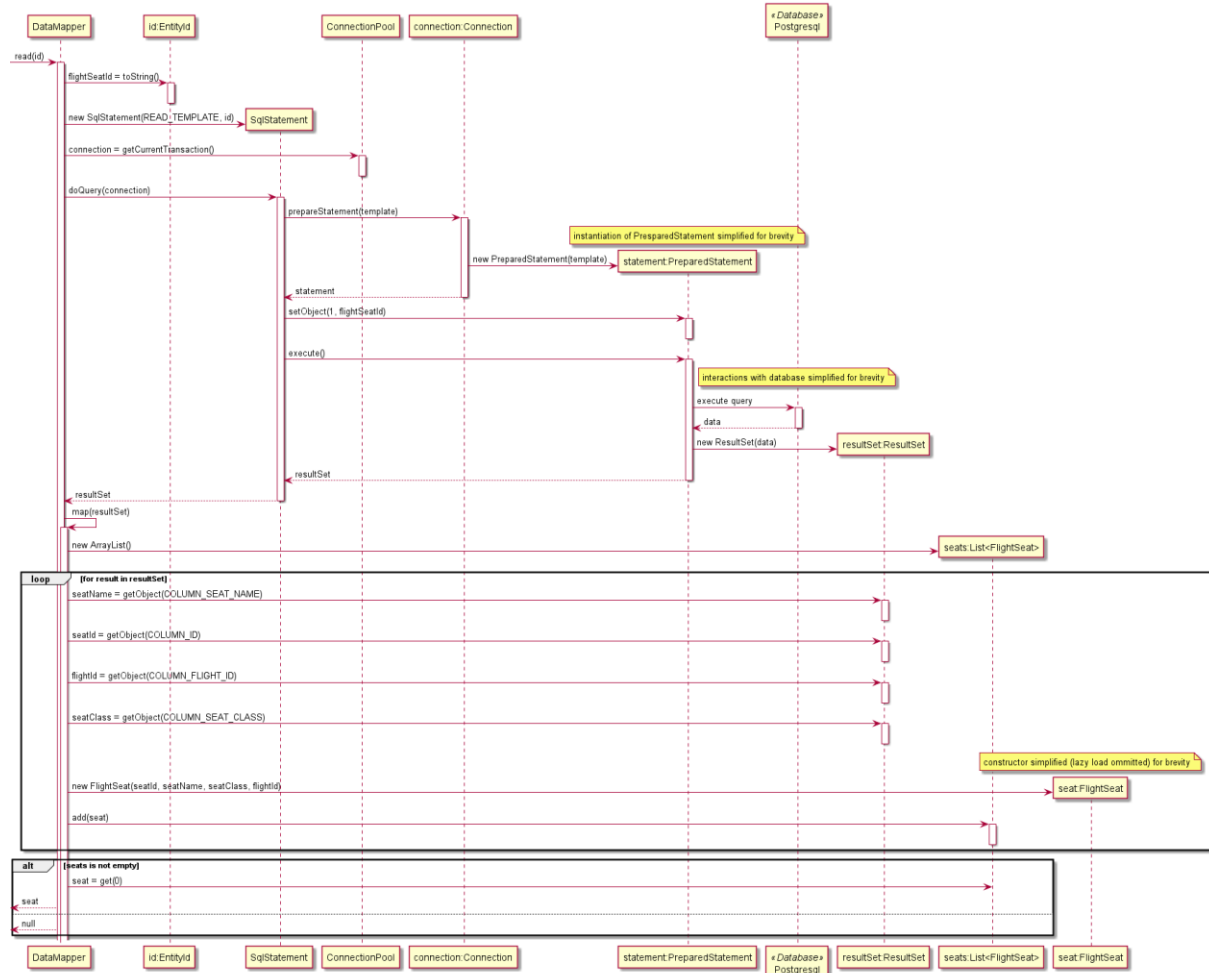
## 6.3 Data Mapper

The Data Mapper pattern was implemented for each entity in the domain - such as Flight, FlightSeats, Passenger etc. A Separated Interface was used to define a generic interface to be used by client code in

data layer and implemented elsewhere for each entity that requires persistence. This Separated Interface exposes the basic CRUD operations as well as a findAll() method that accepts a generic Specification object for finding entities that satisfy a criteria.

The DataMapper classes are required to interact with both the UnitOfWork and IdentityMapper classes to ensure that actions against the database are executed in the context of a single transaction and additionally to guard against instantiating multiple instances of the same entity while retrieving entities from the database. Rather than relying on correct and consistent implementation of these interactions in each entity specific mapper the team opted to wrap mappers injected as dependencies to the domain layer with a DataProxy class that intercepts calls to create, read, update and delete entities and instead delegates as appropriate to the UnitOfWork or IdentityMapper implementations. Note that the UnitOfWork received un-proxied references to each mapper (via the DataMapperRegistry) so that when it is required commit changes to the database calls to CRUD methods on mappers are not intercepted.

The diagram below shows the flow taken by a typical Data Mapper implementation (in this case the FlightSeatMapper) for the read method, similar interactions exist for the other CRUD operations and are omitted for brevity



The diagram below shows the flow taken by the DataProxy class when invoked with a subset of the DataMapper CRUD methods. The primary responsibility of the DataProxy class is to intercept requests from the domain layer that manipulate database resources. The nature of this interception behaviour is

relatively consistent for create, update and delete invocations, for brevity only create is show in the diagram. Read requests are intercepted if the entity has not been loaded prior. Request to read all entities according to a Specification are executed without interception however the results are registered with the IdentityMapper and newly loaded entities are replaced with prior loaded instances where required.
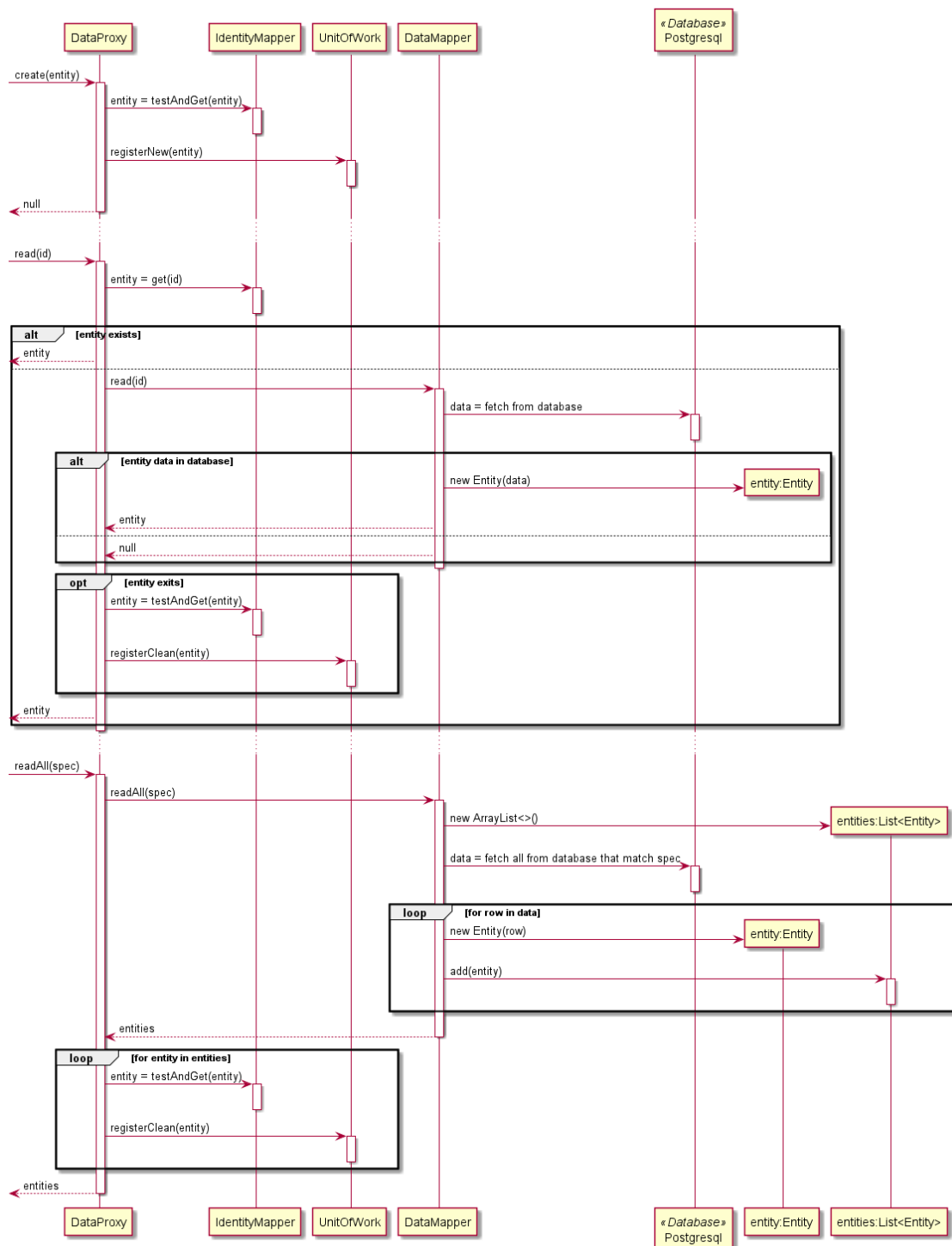


## 6.4 Unit of Work

Implementation of the Unit of Work pattern was straight forward, the interface exposes hooks used by a Front Controller to start and commit a transaction – or optionally rollback the transaction should there

be an error while processing the request. Additionally, the UnitOfWork provides methods to register entities for creation, update or deletion in the database, to be invoked primarily by DataMapper proxies. The implementation makes use of a DataMapperRegistry that has access to un-proxied versions of each mapper in the domain (the rest of the application receives proxied mappers that are intercepted by the IdentityMapper and UnitOfWork implementations).

The diagram below shows the sequence of calls made to the UnitOfWork while servicing a request, for brevity the diagram shows a single call to register a new entity, the registration of dirty and removed entities is very similar.
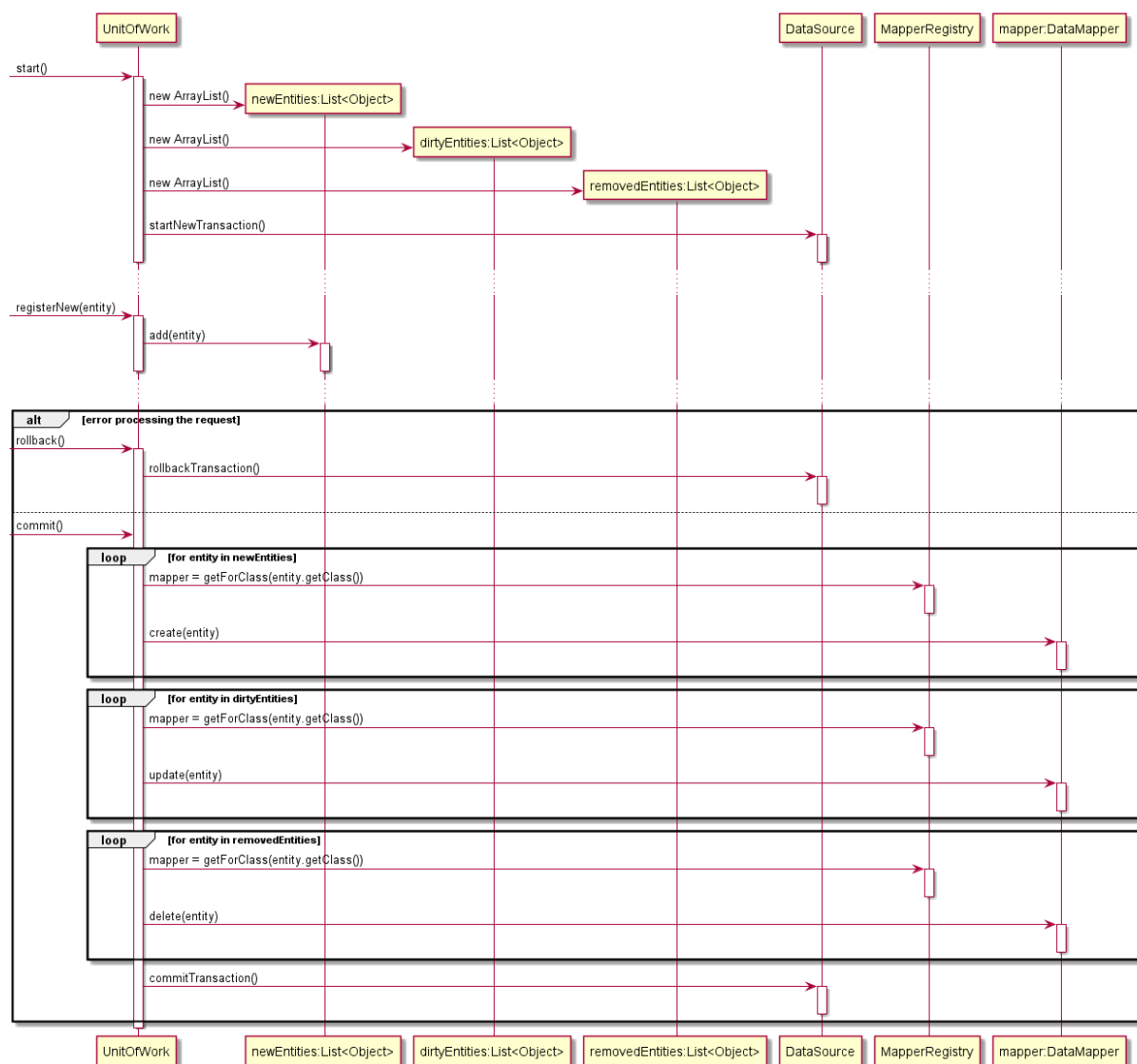


## 6.5    Layer Supertype

The Layer Supertype pattern collects common features of objects within layer, for example the domain layer, into a single superclass from which all other objects in the layer inherit, and in the process helps to avoid duplicating common code across the objects of the layer.

The DomainEntity and AbstractRepository classes were created in accordance with the Layer Supertype pattern. The DomainEntity supertype implements common code concerning entity identity in the application and the isNew feature that is common to all entities in the 2Pizza system.
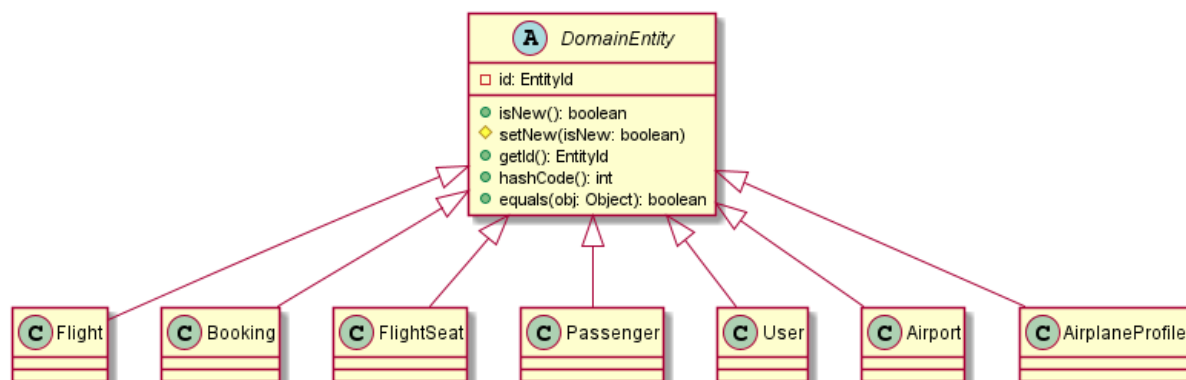


## 6.6   Dependent Mapping

The Dependent Mapping pattern was used to implement persistence for Stopover value objects associated with a particular Flight entity. Stopovers were a suitable candidate for Dependent Mapping pattern as they are a true composite of their singular owning Flight entity, Stopovers are only ever accessed via their owning Flight entity and so the FlightMapper was delegated the responsibility of managing rows in the 'stopover' table with respect to a particular Flight entity. When persisting a Flight, the FlightMapper class also adds the appropriate rows to the 'stopover' table; conversely when deleting a Flight, the FlightMapper class selects and deletes all associated stopovers. The team settled for the simple approach of removing and reinserting all stopover rows on an update of a Flight.

The following diagram shows the flow to persist an update of a Flight and associated StopOver classes.
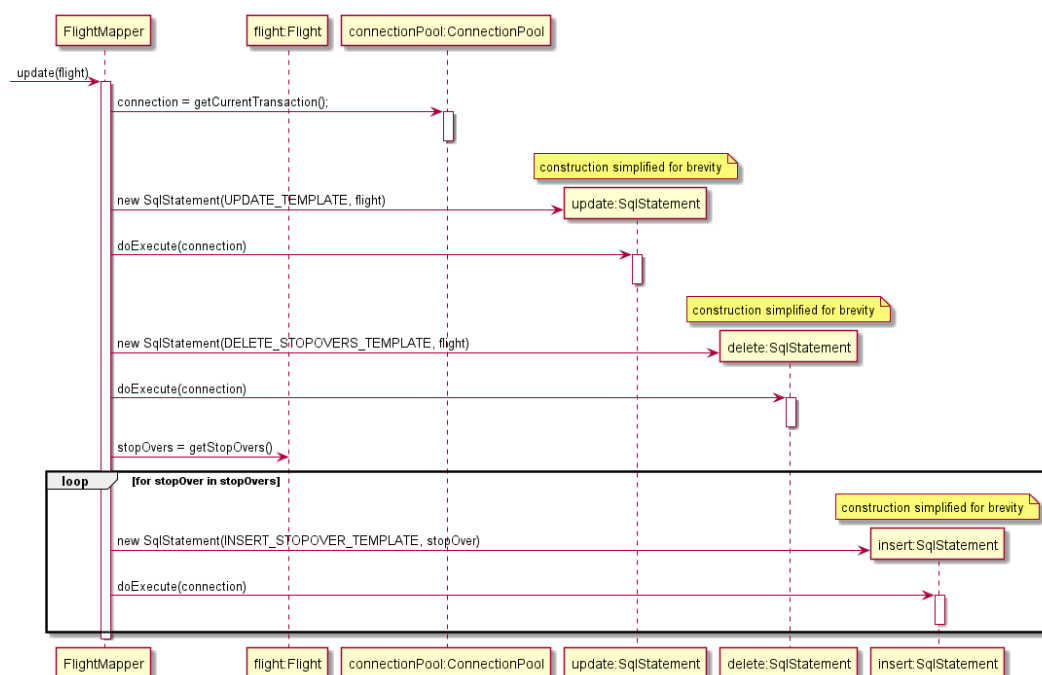
## 6.7    Inheritance Mapper

The inheritance mapper was implemented to map Customer, Admin and Airline objects to tables in the database. Because these 3 classes inherit from the User superclass, we must use the inheritance mapper pattern in order to map these objects to the corresponding tables in the database. Our implementation is represented as following:
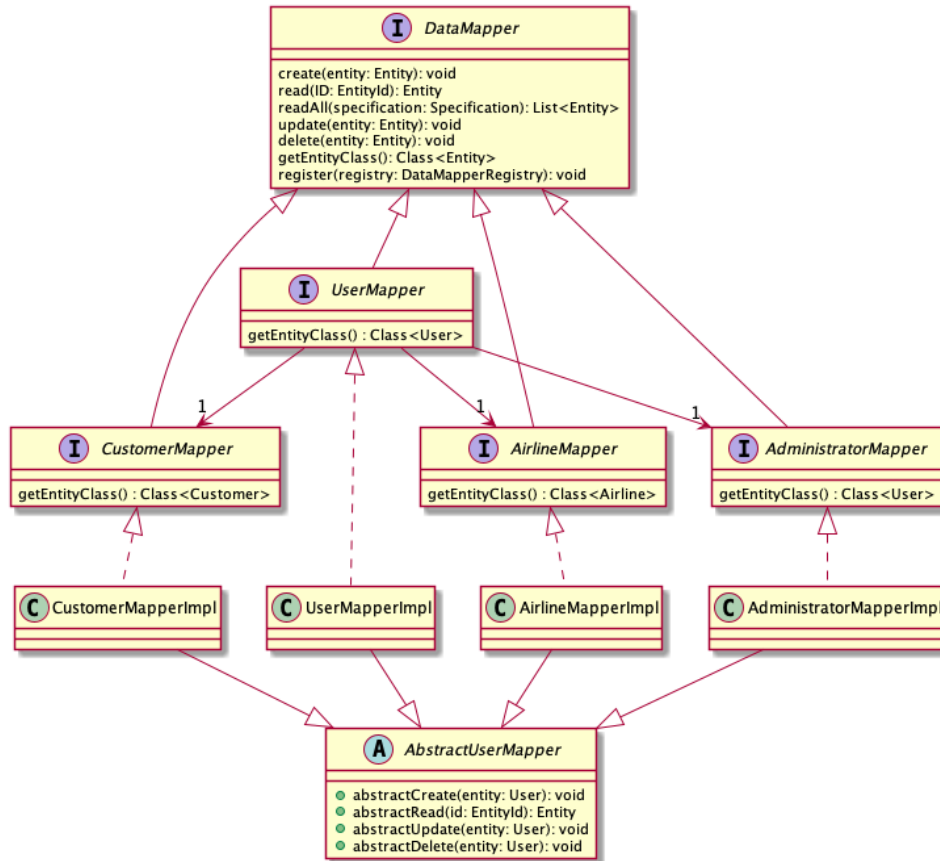


When an Admin, Airline, or Customer object is instantiated, the UserMapper create method is invoked, which delegates the creation of the object to the relevant mapper based on what type of user is being created. For example, if a Customer is created, the UserMapper will call the CustomerMapper's create method. The CustomerMapper inherits from the AbstractUserMapper, and uses the create method of the AbstractUserMapper to create the User in the User table. It will then create the corresponding Customer object in the Customer table.

## 6.8    Lazy Load

Lazy Load was implemented via the Value Holder variant of the pattern. Cyclical relationships between entities, such as between Flight and FlightSeat classes were managed by lazily loading entities to break loading cycles. Where lazy loading was required an instance of LazyValueHolderProxy class created instead of a ValueHolder class. Because the team made use of the Domain Model pattern much of the awkwardness of passing ValueHolder classes around could be abstracted from client code in each entity.

The ValueHolder class is a simple generic container with one primary method get() which returns the value held by the ValueHolder. When implementing eager loading the developer has the option of immediately loading the required value and encapsulating it within a BaseValueHolder. If lazy loading of a value is required, the developer instead instantiates a LazyValueHolderProxy and with a ValueLoader class that defers loading and is able to load the required value only if an when requested.

The diagram shows the flow taken to instantiate a LazyValueHolderProxy for the Flight field of a FlightSeat class and the subsequent flow taken if and when the wrapped value holder value is required in the course of application execution.
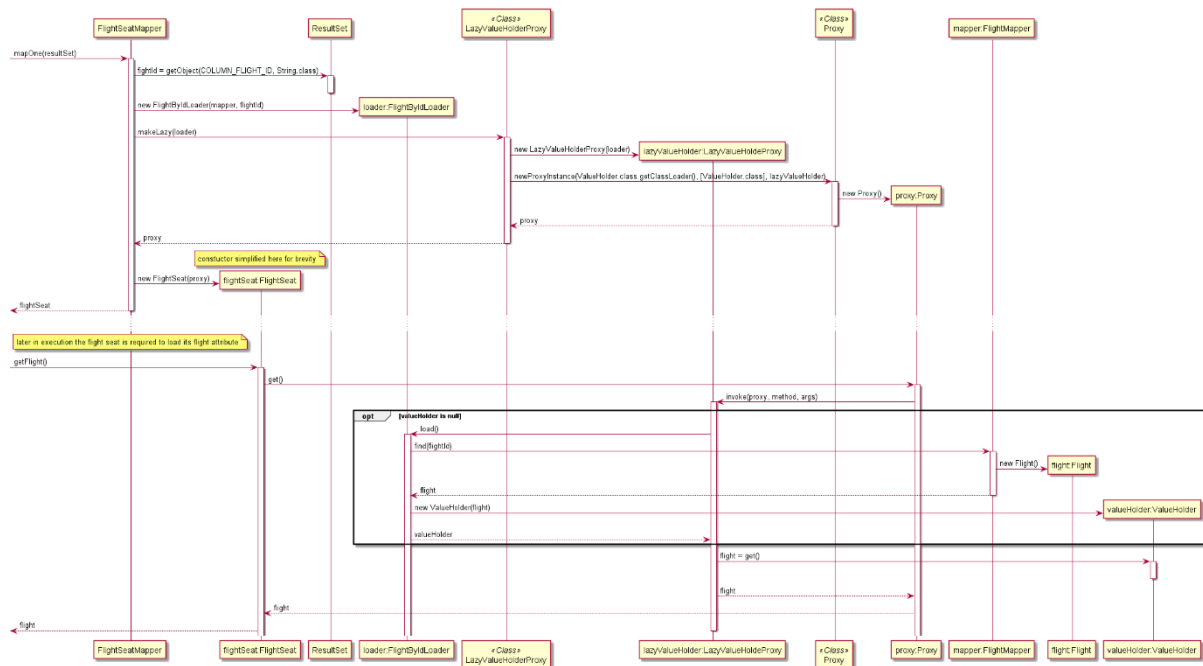


## 6.9  Identity Field

The team decided to use V4 UUIDs to identify, persist and retrieve entities in the system, the rationale for this was largely due to the ability to simplify Identity Mapper implementations by guaranteeing that entity identifiers are unique across the whole system and thus across all tables in the database. To ensure consistency across the application the UUID java class was encapsulated in a custom EntityId class to be used as an Identity Field for entities.

The class diagram below shows both DomainEntity and EntityId classes. Instances of DomainEntity classes keep a reference to and are identified by an instance of an EntityId class. The static nextId() method returns a new unique EntityId. Both classes have overridden hashCode() and equals(Object) methods, the overridden implementations for EntityId use the encapsulated UUID while the implementations for DomainEntity delegate equality to the encapsulated EntityId.
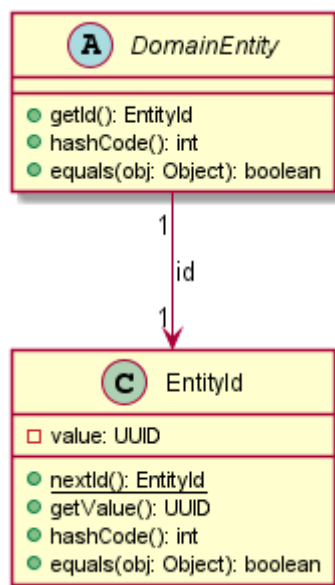
## 6.10 Foreign Key Mapping

Foreign key mapping addresses the issue of representing object references in the database. Specifically, when an object has a relationship with another, it stores a reference to it. The foreign key mapping pattern addresses this issue by mapping the object reference to a foreign key in the database. We used this pattern to map relationships such as Customer – Booking to the database. The representation of the relationship as objects and in the database is as follows:
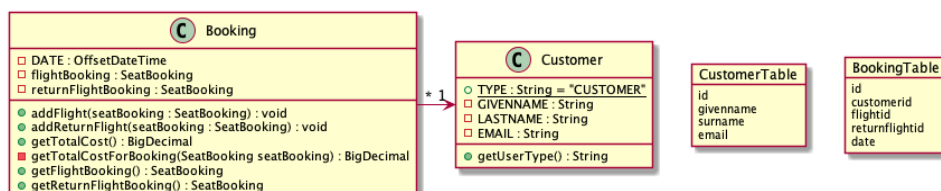


The customer object stores the booking object as a reference, but in the database, the booking table stores the foreign key to the customer instance that it is associated with.

## 6.11 Association Table Mapping

A many-to-many relationship is simple to represent in objects – an object will store a list of references to the objects it has a relationship with, and vice versa. However, in relational databases we must create an association table to store the relationship between the two tables. The association table stores the foreign keys from both tables, to represent the relationship. The team implemented a SeatAllocation association table to store the many-to-many relationship of seats and passengers.
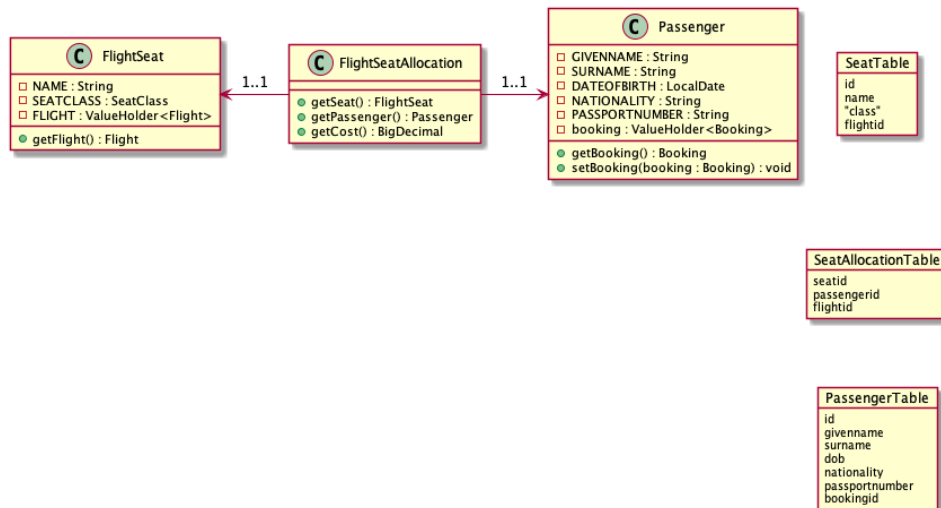
## 6.12 Embedded Value

Embedded value is a special case of Dependent Mapping class where the value is a single dependent object. No value objects in the 2Pizzas system (Stopover and SeatAllocation classes) have an appropriate multiplicity that would suit the implementation of the Embedded Value pattern. See section of Dependent Mapping for discussion around implementing persistence of value objects with 0..* multiplicity.

## 6.13 Class Table Inheritance

A downside of using a relational database is that it does not support inheritance, which has been implemented with our User superclass and Admin, Airline, and Customer subclasses. To model this relationship in our database, we must use the Class Table Inheritance pattern.

The entities in our domain and their inheritance structure, and the related Class Table Inheritance pattern used can be represented as following:
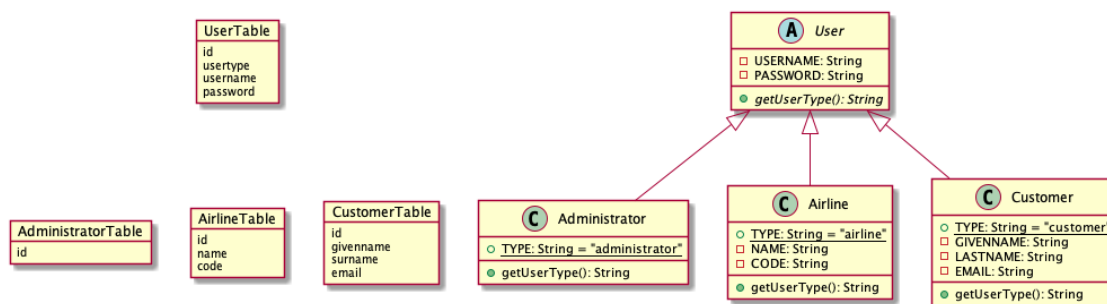


In the Class Table Inheritance pattern, each class has a corresponding table in the database which stores the associated properties with that subclass.

Our implementation consisted of an abstract User superclass, which stored the username and password properties, which were inherited by the Admin, Airline and Customer classes. The User table in the database also had these fields, alongside a primary key (id), which is used as a foreign key in the Admin, Airline and Customer tables, to join with the User table and fetch the username and password of the instances of the concrete classes.

## 6.14 Authentication with JSON Web Token Authentication Provider

The team used JSON Web Token technologies to handle authorization of users within the 2Pizzas system. JWTs are convenient as they don't require management of an authenticated session state for each user. Our authentication solutions required generating and securely signing a token on login of a user and then providing this token as a header in each subsequent request. To properly encapsulate operations against a token the team implemented against an AuthenticationProvider interface with authenticate() and login() methods. The login method is used by the AuthenticationController when servicing user requests to login, this method searches the database for a user with matching username and password (stored salted and hashed at rest) and if such a user exists generates the requested token. When receiving requests that require authentication the Front Controller handles extracting the authentication token from the request headers and passes it to the AuthenticationProvider to verify; if the token is verified and a matching user is discovered in the database then the Front Controller verifies that the user's roles align with the permitted roles associated with the requested resource. If the token is invalid or the user roles are not sufficient to access the resource, then the request is rejected, and the Front Controller replies with an unauthorized message. The Diagram bellow show the comleplete authentication, signup and login flow.
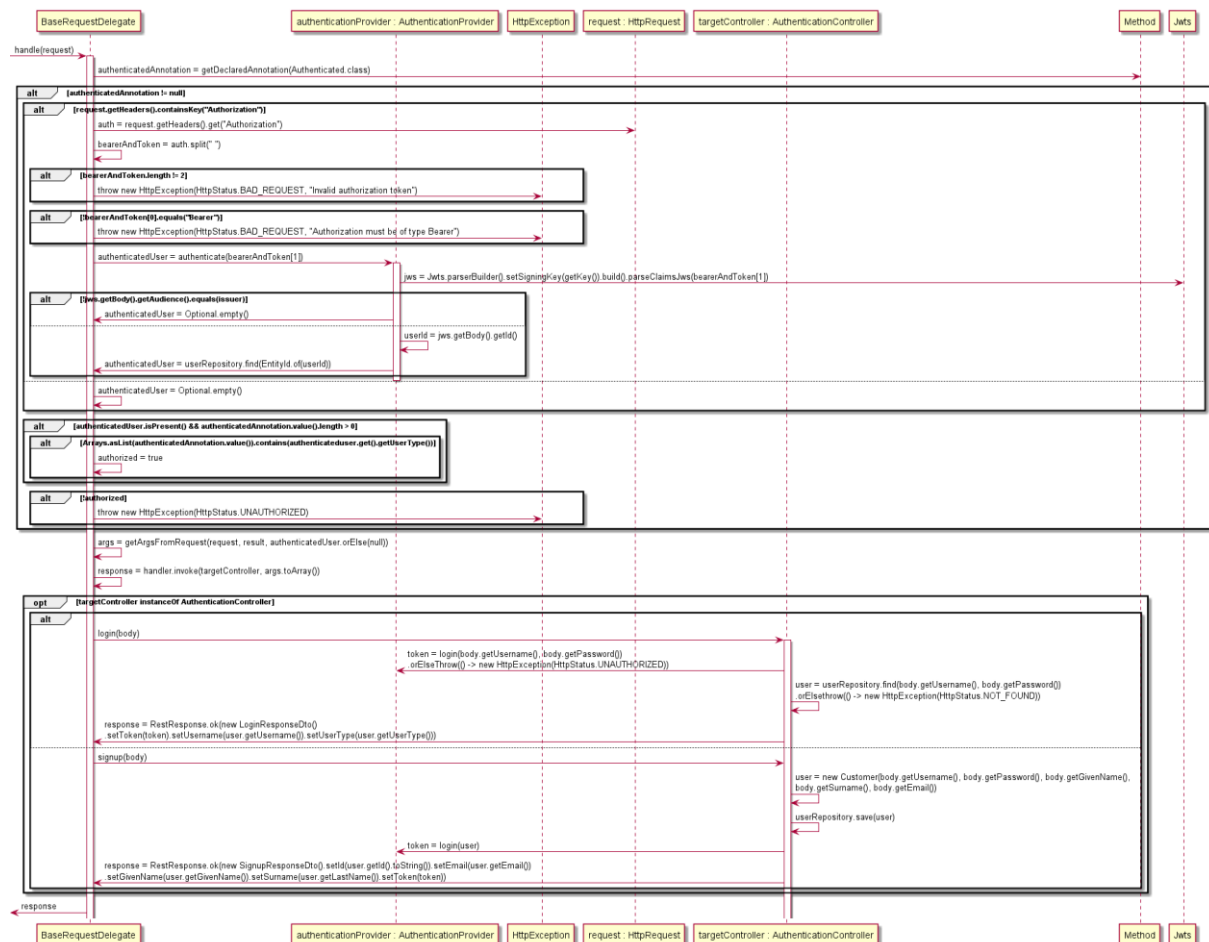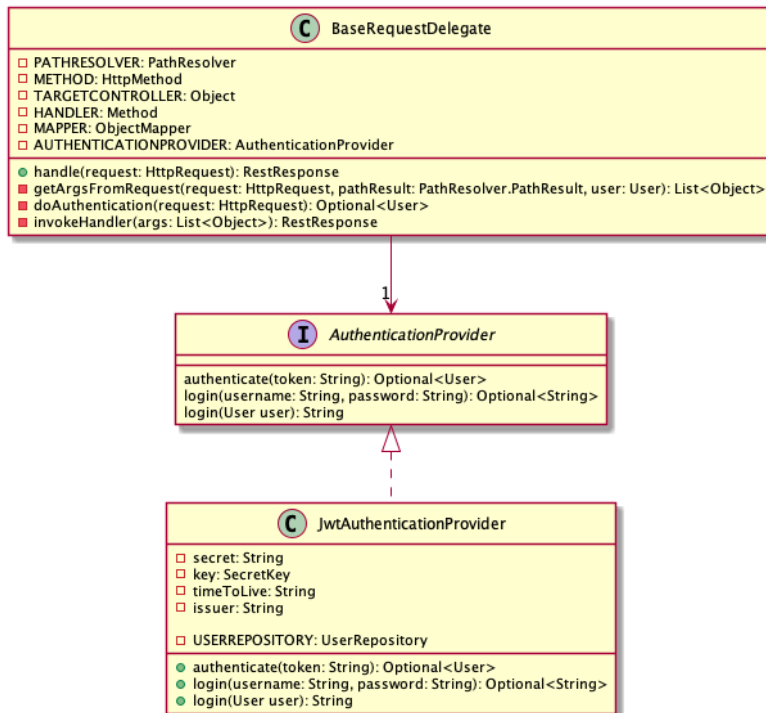
## 6.15 Front Controller

The team implemented a front controller to handle all requests to the application. The benefit of a front controller is that it provides a single point at which to perform generic tasks for each request, such as marshalling and unmarshalling JSON payloads, interpreting HTTP query parameters, handling error responses, authentication, CORS and initializing/commit/rollback of Unit of Work. The system makes uses of a HttpRequestDispatcher class that performs the previously mentioned tasks and delegates valid requests to the appropriate domain controller. The system makes use of Dependency Injection pattern to discover and instantiate controller classes at runtime.

The following diagram shows the flow taken by the application when it receives a servlet request. Servlet request are received by a single servlet listening on the root path '/', these requests are marshalled into a custom HttpRequest class and passed to the HttpRequestDispatcher that uses a PathResolver class to direct the request to an appropriate HttpRequestDelegate class.

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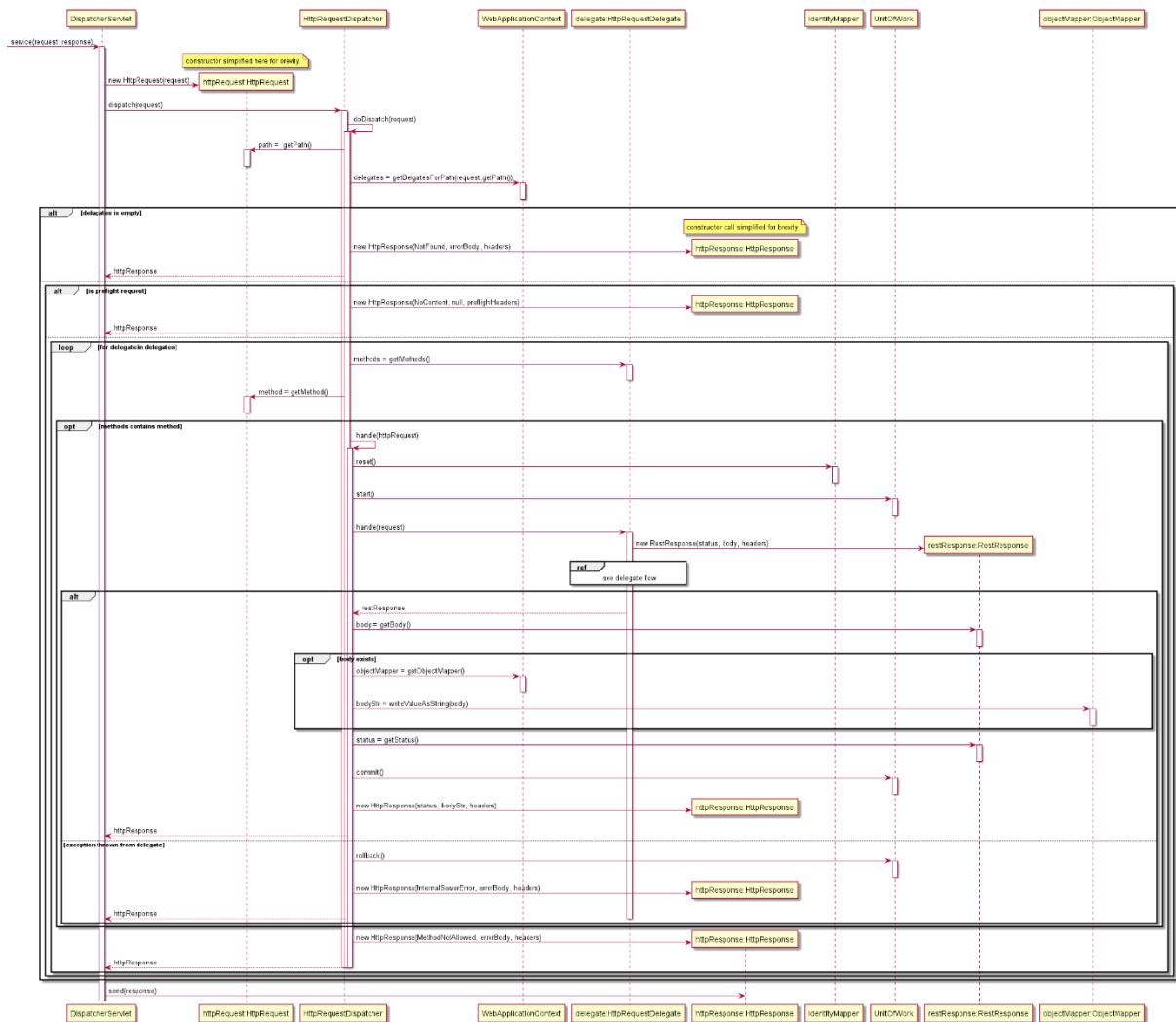
HttpRequestDelegate flow is referenced in the above diagram and is detailed below
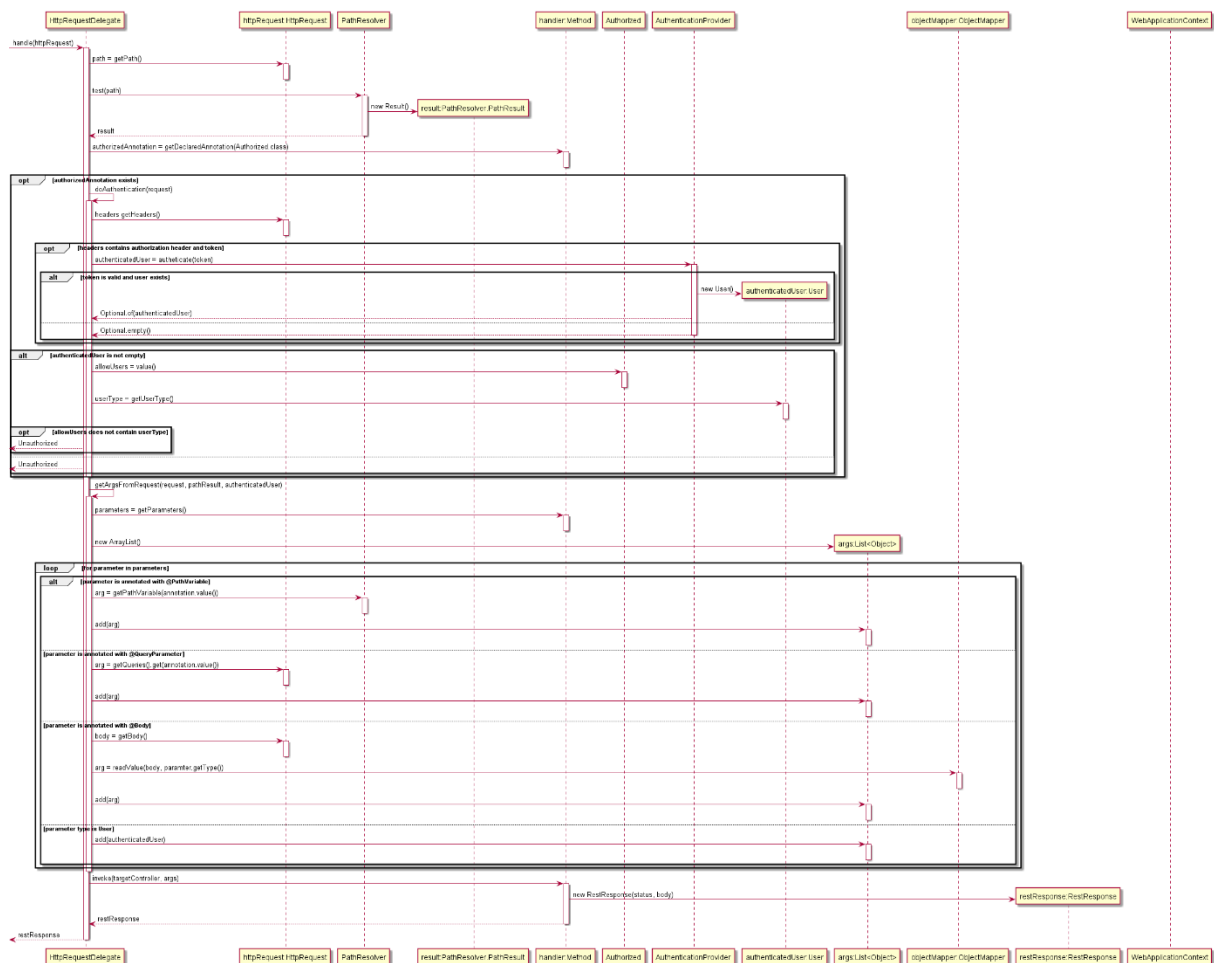
## 6.16 Inversion of Control with Dependency Injection

Inversion of Control pattern allows generic control code to be implemented by a framework which calls into specially implemented objects that encapsulate the specific behaviour of the domain. This process allows the wrapping framework to be decoupled from the specifics of a software implementation and thus be reused across multiple domains. Our project uses Inversion of Control to implement a generic framework for handling HTTP requests, authentication, and database interactions, providing specific points for domain specific behaviour to be plugged in.

Our solution for Inversion of Control makes use of Dependency Injection to transparently load domain specific implementations where required by the framework. For example, implementations of HTTP controllers are discovered at run time and loaded into a HttpRequestDispatcher object. Managing the dependencies of these controllers (some of which may require access to repositories or other domain services) becomes the responsibility of the dependency injection framework. This reattribution of responsibility is one of the key benefits of Dependency Injection as it decouples client code from the process of instantiating or discovering the service code on which it depends, and thus allows for a single point at which to manage dependencies across an application and enables an application to easily switch out implementations at runtime. Dependency Injection is often described as an alternative to the Static Singleton pattern, which provides global access to shared services but should generally be avoided as it requires that service implementations be statically decided at compile time. Because Dependency Injection defers binding of dependencies until run time it's possible to configure an application to run client code against Service Stubs for testing and then configure that same code to run against real implementations when executing in a production environment. The team has written various unit tests

for critical parts of the application including the various implementations of Data Mappers required by the domain. These tests utilize Service Stubs generated with the Mockito framework to efficiently exercise branching client code, and rely on Dependency Injection to inject real server code implementation when executed in production

The diagram below shows the flow the application takes to instantiate and initialize an ApplicationContext for the purposes of Dependency Injection. At start up the ComponentLoader class uses reflection to discover classes annotated with an @Component annotation. The presence of the @Component annotation on a class declaration marks it as a class that should be managed by the ApplicationContext rather than instantiated directly by client code. The framework identifies the dependencies for each component by inspecting the parameters of a constructor annotated with @Autowired. At start up the ComponentManager loads all required components and instantiates each required component, recursively instantiating service components on which client components depend. Components are by default instantiated as Singletons within the ApplicationContext but can optionally be marked with an @ThreadLocalComponent annotation and instead instantiated with a ThreadLocal context, which is particularly important for the implementations of both Unit of Work and Identity Map patterns.
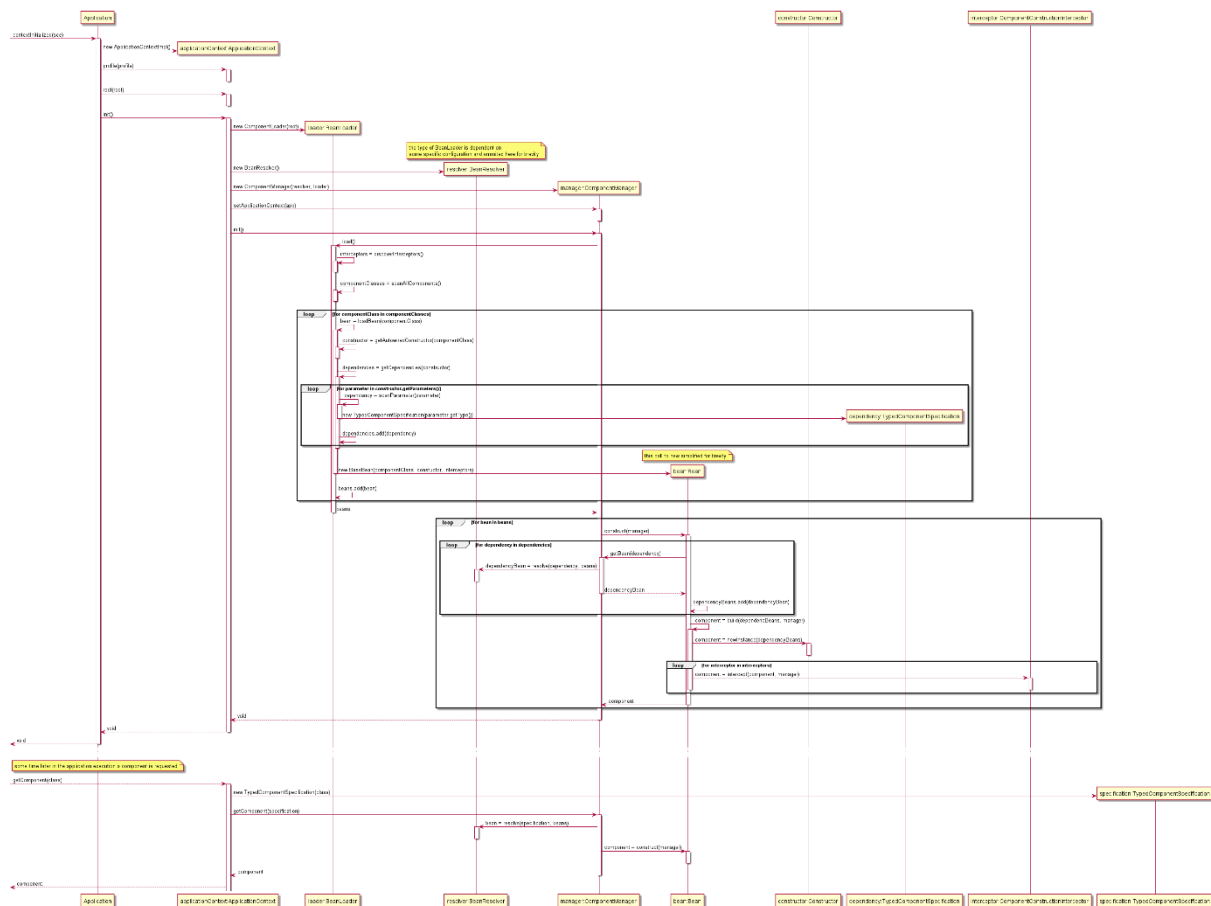


## 6.17 Repository

The Repository pattern is a mediator between domain logic and Data Mappers in the data layer. The Repository pattern provides a collection-like interface to manage persistence of domain objects, CRUD operations become simply save() find() and remove(). To implement the save operation the application needed a mechanism to decide if an object is 'new' and requires a call to create() on an appropriate Data

Mapper class or is not 'new' and should be updated with update(), this functionality was implemented in DomainEntity Layer Supertype and is further discussed in the Layer Supertype section of this report.

The diagram below shows the flow for AbstractRepository from which implementations specific to each domain entity (ie Flight, Booking, User etc) inherit, these specific implementation are rather light weight and typically only extend the abstract functionality by constructing appropriate Specification objects as input to a findAll() invocation on a wrapped Data Mapper class.
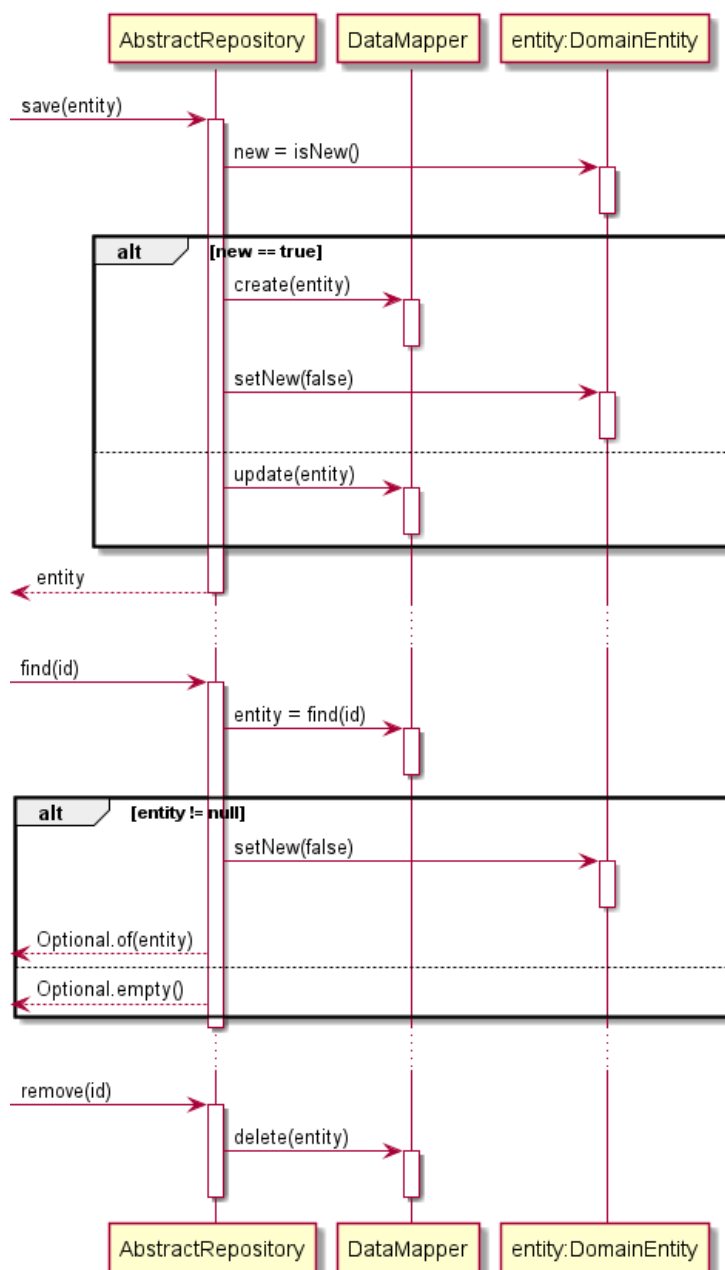


## 6.18  Externalized Configuration

It is often required that an application be deployed to multiple environments, the application may be deployed to a testing environment during the execution of CICD pipeline, and then later deployed to a set of further environments for validation prior to being promoted to a production environment. When

deploying an application to multiple environments it is often necessary to consider the different behaviours that each environment may require of the software, for example URLs to external resources may differ between environments, or it might be desirable to disable functionality such as authentication for some testing deployments. Externalizing the configuration of these environment dependent behaviours allows a single build of a software to be tailored to operate in multiple environments. The team decided to implement externalized configuration to enable developing and testing production code in a local environment. By setting a profile JVM argument at start up the application can be configured to run against a local development environment or – when deployed to Heroku – against a production environment.

A secondary benefit of externalized configuration is that sensitive configuration, which should be kept secret (for example API keys and passwords), can be removed from the source code of the application and instead passed at runtime via configuration files environment variables. The 2Pizza system requires integration with a database; authentication of requests to the database is managed via username and password, both of which should be kept secret. The team used Externalized Configuration pattern to remove secret configuration from the code version controlled on GitHub to ensure such configuration is not exposed.

The diagram below shows the flow the application takes after start up to select and read an external configuration from a file and then inject this configuration into the correct components. Interpolation of environment variables is done while reading the configuration files, patterns of the form ${SOME_ENV_VAR} are substituted for the value of an appropriate environment variable. Classes can be marked as requiring configuration by adding the @Configuration annotation to the class declaration, such classes are intercepted by a ConfigurationConstructionInterceptor when instantiated by the ApplicationContext as described in the Dependency Injection section of this report. The ConfigurationConstructionInterceptor sets object fields annotated with @Value on configured components with values discovered by the ConfiguationContext class.
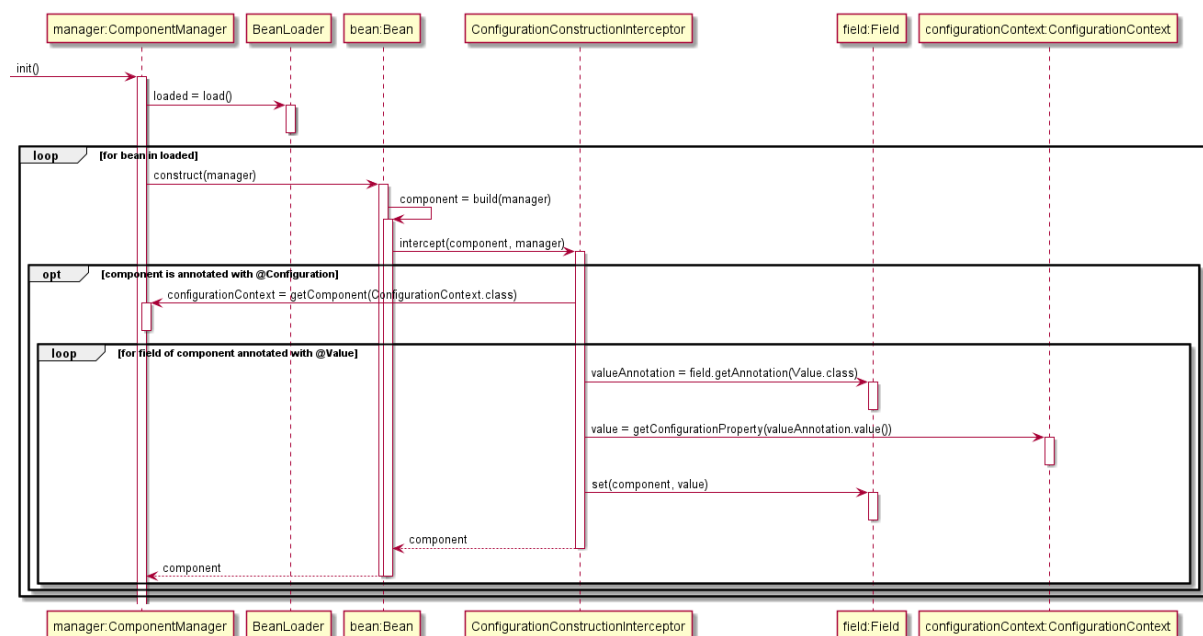


## 6.19  Data Transfer Object

The Data Transfer Object pattern provides a means to explicitly control the schemas of objects transferred to and from the application. The Data Transfer Object pattern provides a layer of abstraction

that allows the specification of the application's API to evolve independently of the business logic (in our case a Domain Model) it exposes.

Data Transfer Objects (DTOs) were implemented for the request and response bodies of each endpoint. Validation of each DTO was also delegated to the DTO itself via a validate() method which returns a list of discovered errors. Mapping domain classes to DTOs can be tedious task so the MapStruct framework was introduced to automatically generate much of this mapping code.

The diagram shows the flow for creating a new flight in the system, the validation of the request body DTO and mapping the created Flight domain class to a DTO for serialization as a response body.
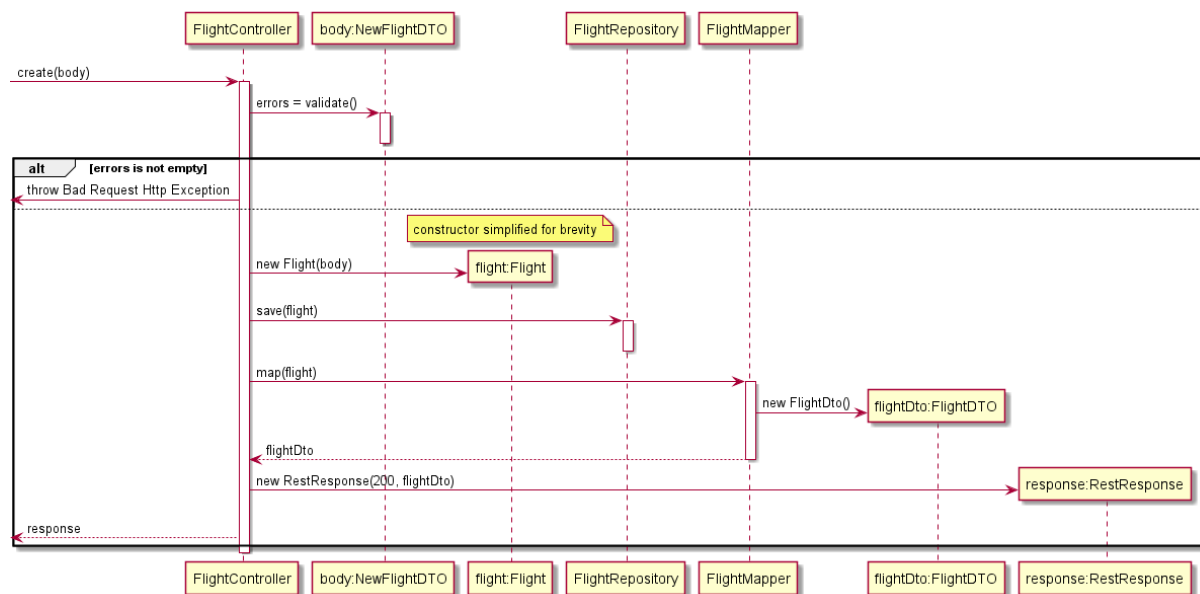


## 6.20 Separated Interface

The Separated Interface pattern was used in multiple areas of the project. Repository interfaces were defined in the domain package and implemented in the port.data packages, further instances include implementing DataSource interface found in the data package within the port.data package and implementing the AuthenticationProvider interface from the web package within the auth package. Separated Interface ensures that a service interface can be collocated with the client code that depends on it while the real implementation can be located somewhere else more appropriate and evolve independently of the client code.
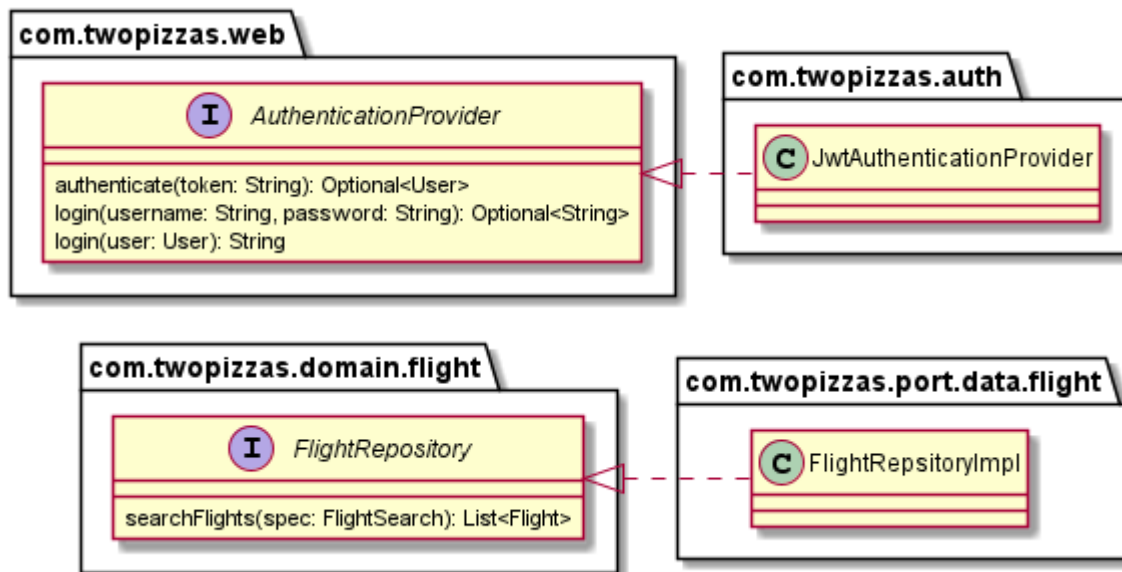
# 7.   Design Rationale

## 7.1    Unit of Work

The team used Unit of Work pattern to manage transaction boundaries for requests as well as reduce the number of calls to the database. Changes to the Domain Model eventually need to be persisted in the database, Unit of Work provides a mechanism to record changes made within the domain layer and write them out as a single transaction to the database. Our implementation makes heavy use of a Front Controller that initializes a UnitOfWork object (by invoking start()) just prior to delegating to an appropriate handler for the request. During the execution of the request all resulting changes to system entities are registered with the UnitOfWork via a call to either registerNew(), registerDirty() or registerRemoved(). After successfully servicing the request the Front Controller invokes commit() on the UnitOfWork which calls the appropriate Data Mapper to handle the mapping of register entities to the database. If the request is not successful the Front Controller invokes rollback() on the UnitOfWork, and all registered changes are discarded.

The team decided to implement a DataProxy class that proxies requests from the Domain Layer to Data Mappers. This proxy intercepts CRUD requests and instead registers them for execution post request processing where appropriate. A full discussion around the implementation of this Proxy is provided in the Patterns section of this report. The Main benefit of this approach is that neither the Domain Layer nor the Data Mapper implementations need be aware of the UnitOfWork allowing both to focus on execution of business logic and data mapping respectively.

## 7.2    Lazy Load

Lazy Load was implemented to improve the efficiency of interactions with the database as well as short circuit cyclical dependencies between entities in the domain. The team identified a number of situations where the entire persisted object graph was not required for fulfilling a request to the system, in these instances Lazy Load saves fetching and instantiating objects that are not required and would be immediately discarded either part way through the request or a the end. One such situation is during a retrieval of a Flight object, the graph of objects extending from a Flight include FlightSeatAllocation classes which in turn are associated with a Passenger and Booking, for the purposes of retrieving and displaying a Flight only the Passenger details are required, the Booking of details are discarded. Instead

of eagerly loading the Booking details for each Passenger the team implemented Lazy Load to avoid loading Booking details for this use case.

Cyclical dependencies between domain entities can be problematic as they can result in recursive calls to load entities with no clear terminating base case. The 2Pizza Domain Layer features a few such instances of cyclical dependency, such as the cyclical relationship between a Flight entity and its aggregated FlightSeat entities; the Flight object retains a reference to multiple FlightSeat entities and the FlightSeat entities in turn retain a reference to their owning Flight object – primarily for the purposes of implementing Foreign Key Mapping pattern. Lazy Load was implemented to ensure that loading a Flight along with its FlightSeat objects does not reclusively reload the owning Flight. To short circuit this loading pattern the team deferred the load of a Flight into one of its FlightSeats objects until it is required – by which time the Flight will already be present in the IdentityMapper.

Lazy Load was implemented by introducing a ValueHolder generic container class that can be proxied by a LazyValueHolderProxy. When proxied, request to the get() method on instances of a ValueHolder class are intercepted, during this interception if the contained value is had not been loaded then the proxy class initiates a load of the required value.

## 8.  Concurrency

### 8.1  Concurrency Issues

The following issues were identified as concurrency issues for the 2Pizzas application, each issue and proposed solution is discussed individually. Many of the issues discussed below have been solved by implementing Optimistic Locking pattern, a general discussion of steps taken to implement this pattern is described for all issues later in the report.

#### 8.1.1  Creating a booking for booked seats [CI01]

Because multiple customers can search and book flights concurrently the system needs to be able detect and prevent customers booking the same seat on a flight. Without suitable protections it could be possible for two simultaneous requests to be sent to book the same seat, and both be accepted by the system resulting a seat that is double booked. The team proposes to prevent double bookings by implementing optimistic locking on flights. The optimistic locking implementation adds an additional version column to the flight table, the value in this column is checked and incremented on update of the Flight domain object. If the version of the Flight domain object does not match the persisted version in the database, then the update is considered inconsistent and is rejected.

For a booking to be created in the 2Pizzas system the target Flight must first 'allocate' the requested seats to the booking, this creates and registers SeatAllocation classes to the Flight. When looking to manage concurrency issues with bookings the team needed to ensure that only one request could insert a SeatAllocation for any FlightSeat on any Flight. Because Flight domain objects aggregate SeatAllocation classes they are good candidates for implementing Coarse Grained lock to manage concurrent insertions of SeatAllocations.

#### 8.1.2  Creating a booking for an updated flight [CI02]

Bookings can only be made against flights that have not yet departed. Concurrency issues arise when customers attempt to book seats on flights with departures that are in the process of being updated. The team used optimistic locking, as discussed above (using version column on flight table) to solve this issue. Updates to the flight data and associated seat allocation data are made with respect to a persisted

version, if there is a version mismatch between the update and what is persisted in the database then the update is rejected.

### 8.1.3    Creating a flight for INACTIVE airport(s) [CI03]

As an Admin is able to deactivate an airport at the same time an Airline is creating a flight, the system needs to be able to detect and prevent Airlines creating a flight for an inactive airport. Optimistic locking was used by adding a version column to the Airport column to address this issue. In doing this, when a flight is created, the version of the Airport is crosschecked against the version column in the Airport table, if there is a mismatch, then the creation of the flight is rejected.

### 8.1.4    Updating a flight for INACTIVE airport(s) [CI04]

Similar to creating a flight for an inactive airport, a flight is able to be updated concurrently with an Admin deactivating an airport. To prevent concurrency issues with an airline updating a flight to depart or arrive from an inactive airport, optimistic locking was used in the same fashion as creating a flight. When a flight is updated, the version of the Airport is crosschecked against the version column in the Airport table, if there is a mismatch, then the update of the flight is rejected.

### 8.1.5    Creating a flight for INACTIVE airline [CI05]

As Admins are able to deactivate Airline accounts, a concurrency issue may arise when an Airline is creating a flight whilst an Admin is deactivating said airline. To address this, optimistic locking is used by adding a version column to the Airline column. Creation of a flight is made with respect to the persisted version of the Airline. If there is a mismatch between the Airline version in the created flight and the Airline version in the database, the flight creation is rejected.

### 8.1.6    Updating users [CI06]

Concurrency issues can arise when multiple Admins are updating the same User such as disabling a Customer or Airline. To prevent this, optimistic locking is used by checking if the updated version of the User is the same as the version that is persisted in the User table in the database, if not, the update is rejected.

### 8.1.7    Updating airports [CI07]

Similarly to updating users, multiple Admins updating the same Airport can lead to concurrency issues. Optimistic locking is also used when updating airports by asserting that the updated version of the Airport is equal to the one in the Airport table, if not, the update is rejected.

### 8.1.8    General Optimistic Locking Discussion

To implement the Optimistic Locking pattern, we identified a number of places in the application that had to be extended. In the domain model, we added a 'version' attribute to each model, which was initialised to 0. This attribute was mapped to a 'version' field in each corresponding table in the database. On 'read' operations, the system instantiates the domain object with the current version from the database – on 'write' operations, system reads from the same row in the database and compare with the version on the domain object from the 'read'. If the two values are the same, this means that no changes were made and hence no conflict – the update would be pushed to the database. However, if the versions were different, this would indicate that between the 'read' and 'write' operations, another user had modified the row in the database and a conflict had occurred. Therefore, the 'read' would be rejected from the layer, the transaction would be rollback and retries would be triggered in the Front Controller. Each Data Mapper responsible for mapping a domain object the required locking (Flight, Airport and User) was extended to execute the required check in SQL and throw a new OptimisticLockingException class when a dirty write is detected. The HttpRequestDispatcher class was extended to catch OptimisticLockingExceptions and retry failing requests, clearing the IdentityMapper and UnitOfWork between failures so that the application state could be resynchronized with the persisted state of the system.
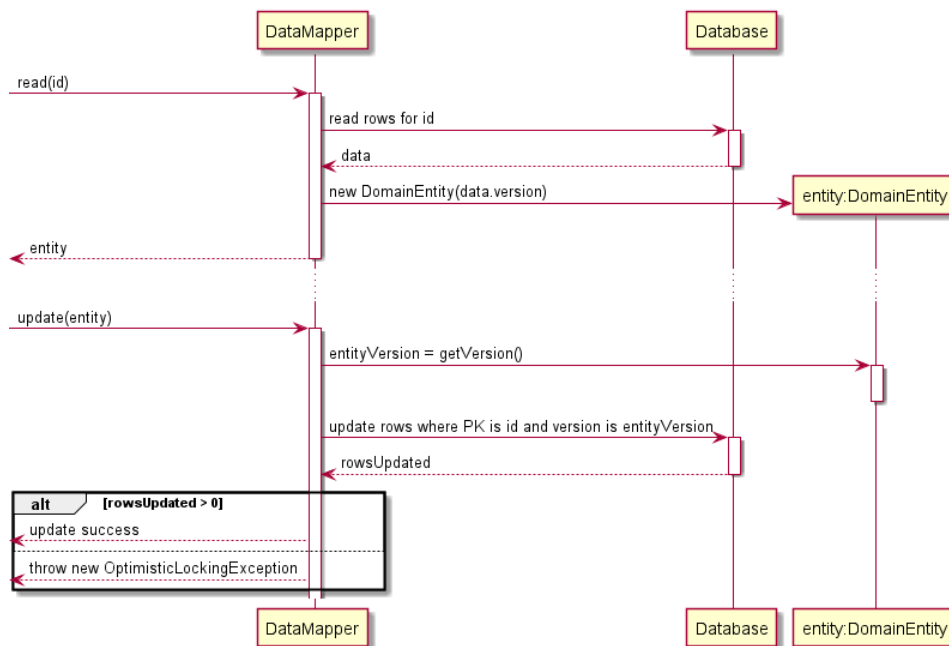
The modifications to the existing system were not particularly invasive, the class diagram below shows the newly introduced classes and how they relate to existing components.
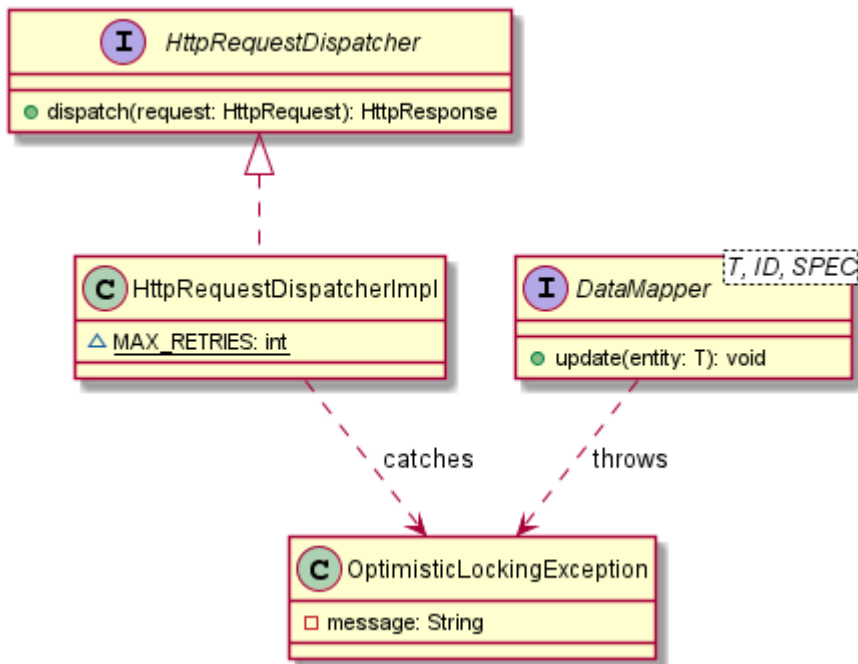


The flow for the retry mechanism is detailed in the sequence diagram below
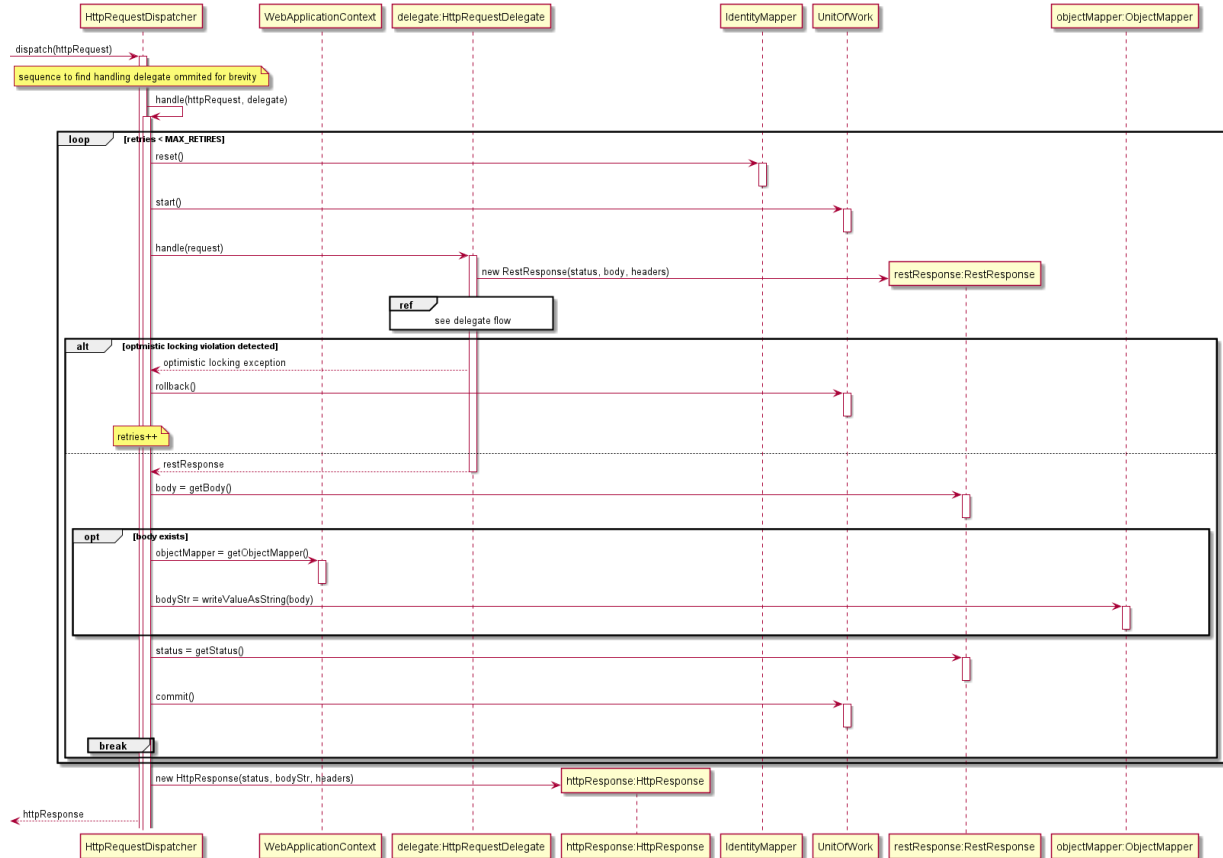


The typical flow for Data Mapper classes implementing optimistic locking is shown below

## 8.2 Rationale

The 2Pizza system primarily facilitates customers to search and book flights. The team anticipates that the number of searches processed by the platform will far exceed the number of flights added to the system and are also necessarily greater than the number of bookings made against the system – customers must search for a number of flights prior to booking, and may indeed make multiple searches prior to booking. For these reasons the team anticipates that data will be 'read' from the database far more often than it will be 'written'. Optimistic locking is the preferable concurrency solution for data that is 'read' far more often than it is 'written' or updated as it permits concurrent read access, and only forces synchronization on 'write'. Pessimistic Locking was considered for the above issues but was rejected as it better suits situations where many writes are performed against system data. In Pessimistic Locking patten the reading or writing transaction obtains an exclusive lock on the data which excludes all other transactions from both reading and writing to the same data, the exclusion of reads was a situation that the team wanted to avoid when implementing a system which primary function was to allow users to search system data. The main caveat of Optimistic Locking is that it results in wasted calls to the database for situations where an update is found to be dirty, ie when there is a version miss. Dirty updates trigger a retry mechanism which re-fetches data from the database to synchronize the application logic with the current persisted state of the system. Because the team does not expect a great deal of contention on flight updates, and instead assumes the possibly of concurrent reads is very high for the 2Pizza system the team decided to implement Optimistic Locking pattern to handle concurrency issues in the platform.

## 8.3 Testing Strategy

The team has decomposed the 2Pizza system in modules that have been tested at various levels by a Test Plan that makes use of Unit, Integration, System and End-to-End testing. Some aspects of the concurrency solutions implemented were better tested at a Unit level (such as the retry mechanism outlined below) while other aspects lent themselves better tested at an Integration level (relevant backend/database interactions). An overview of each testing level is provided below.

### 8.3.1 Unit Tests

Optimistic Locking implements retries for dirty updates so that the application state can be synchronized with the persisted state in the database. This retry behavior effectively gives the application another chance to reevaluate the request according to relevant business rules and against current data. The team

has written a suite of unit tests to verify that the application enforces required business rules, ie ensuring that allocating available seats on a flight to a new booking is permitted but requests to allocate booked seats to another booking are rejected. Additionally, unit tests were written to test the retry functionality itself, which was implemented in the HttpRequestDispatcherImpl. All Unit Tests were implemented with JUnit testing framework and invoked via GitHub actions as part of a CICD pipeline.

### 8.3.2    Integration Testing

Integration testing was conducted to ensure that Data Mapper classes properly invoked database actions. Such tests ensured that request to read and update the same version of a persisted domain object occurred without conflict, and verified that the change was pushed to the database. Additional tests were written to verify that operations such as update or create of new data in the database with invalid version were rejected and left the database unchanged. All Integration Tests were implemented with JUnit testing framework and invoked via GitHub actions as part of a CICD pipeline.

### 8.3.3    System Testing

System Testing was implemented with JMeter for critical sections of the application. The team felt that the concurrency issues around booking flights were the most critical to address, both in terms of data integrity and potential business impact, thus these issues were the target of System Testing.

System testing was carried out by building a single JMeter Test Plan with a setup User Group and Test User Group that simulates multiple users attempting to book the same seat on a flight, the Test User Group contains assertions that reports a test failure when multiple users can book the same seat. A detailed walk through of the tests in backend/2Pizzas-concurrency-tests.jmx is provided in Appendix 11.1.

### 8.3.4    End-to-End Testing

End-to-End (E2E) Testing was implemented with Cypress via the application frontend. The API routes created using React Query and Axios were mainly tested to check for concurrency-related side effects in the form of expecting specific status responses given a scenario.

## 8.4    Test Plan

The following matrix traces the concurrency issues identified in section 8.1 with the relevant tests implemented verify that each issue is adequately addressed:

| Concurrency Issue ID | Test Case IDs |
| --- | --- |
| CI01 | 001, 002, 005, 006, 007 |
| CI02 | 002, 006, 007 |
| CI03 | 002, 006, 009, 010, 013 |
| CI04 | 002, 006, 009 |
| CI05 | 002, 006, 008, 014 |
| CI06 | 002, 003, 004 |
| CI07 | 002, 011 |

### 8.4.1    Test Cases

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
| --- | --- | --- |

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| T01 | System Test | JMeter (Automated) |
|---|---|---|

**Objective:**

Verify that only one of multiple concurrent calls to book a single seat on a flight succeed

**Given:**

1. Ensure the 2Pizza backend is running
2. Open .jmx file in JMeter
3. Ensure that the test suite is configured to make request to instance of 2Pizza backend under test

**When:**

1. Execute the JMeter test

**Then:**

1. Observe that the Create Flight setUp thread group executes successfully
2. Observe that the Bookings thread group executes successfully
3. Observe that the Assertion Results for the Booking thread group are all successful

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T02 | Unit Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that the front controller retries requests that fail with optimistic locking exceptions

**Given:**

1. A valid request to the front controller

**When:**

1. Handling the request throws an OptimisticLockingException

**Then:**

1. The front controller clears the Identity Map
2. The front controller clears the Unit of Work
3. The front controller retriggers handling the original request
4. If the maximum number of retries is reached the controller fails the request

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T03 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that the optimistic locking prevents user updates where version number is mismatched

| Given: |
| --- |
| 1. The abstract user mapper update method is invoked to update a user |

| When: |
| --- |
| 1. The mapper checks corresponding user row in the database, and the version number does not match the object version. |

| Then: |
| --- |
| 1. The update fails and no change is made to the user in the database. |


| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
| --- | --- | --- |
| T04 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

| Objective: |
| --- |
| Verify that user updates are successful if version number matches |

| Given: |
| --- |
| 1. The abstract user mapper update method is invoked to update a user |

| When: |
| --- |
| 1. The mapper checks corresponding user row in the database, and the version number matches the object version. |

| Then: |
| --- |
| 1. The update is successful and the change is propagated to the corresponding row in the database, and the version number is incremented by 1. |


| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
| --- | --- | --- |
| T05 | Unit Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

| Objective: |
| --- |
| Verify that seats associated with a flight domain object can not be booked multiple times |

| Given: |
| --- |
| 1. The flight object has allocated seats |

| When: |
| --- |
| 1. A request is made to allocate the already allocated seats |

| Then: |
| --- |
| 1. The seats are not allocated<br>2. The system throws a BusinessRuleException |

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T06 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that successful update of a flight data in database increments the version number column of the flight table

**Given:**

1. Flight exists in the database

**When:**

1. A request is made update the flight data, with the correct version

**Then:**

1. The flight update succeeds
2. The new flight data is persisted
3. The version of the flight persisted in the database is incremented by 1

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T07 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that a update of a flight with an invalid version fails

**Given:**

1. A flight exists in the database

**When:**

1. A request is made to update the flight data and the flight domain object has an invalid version

**Then:**

1. The update is rejected
2. The data mapper throws an OptimisticLockingException
3. The flight data persisted in the database is unchanged

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T08 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that creating a flight with an invalid airline version fails

**Given:**

1. The airline exists in the database

**When:**

1. A request is made to create the flight and the associated Airline domain object has an invalid version

**Then:**

1. The flight is not created
2. The system throws an OptimisticLockingException

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T09 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that creating a flight with an invalid airport version fails

**Given:**

1. The airport exists (origin and destination) in the database

**When:**

1. A request is mate to create a flight associated with an Airport domain object with invalid version

**Then:**

1. The flight is not created
2. The system throws an OptimisticLockingException

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T10 | Unit Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that a flight can't be created for an inactive airport

**Given:**

1. An airport object exists
2. The airport object is inactive

**When:**

1. A request is made to create a flight with associated inactive airport

**Then:**

1. Creating the flight throws a BusinessRuleException

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T11 | Integration Test | JUnit (Automated, Part of CI) |

**Objective:**

Verify that airport updates are unsuccessful if version number is mismatched

**Given:**

1. The airport mapper update method is invoked to update an airport

**When:**

1. The mapper checks corresponding airport row in the database, and the version number does not match the object version

**Then:**

1. The update is rejected
2. The data mapper throws an OptimisticLockingException
3. The airport data persisted in the database is unchanged

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T12 | End-to-End | Cypress (Automated) |

**Objective:**

Verify that concurrent bookings for the same seat by multiple customers only succeed only for a single customer

**Given:**

1. Two customers logged in to different accounts to search and select to book the same seat in the same outbound and return flights
2. Free Economy seats 5A on both flights QN111 and QN112 (Depart date 2020/01/01 and return date 2020/01/02)

**When:**

1. Two customers try to book the same seats

**Then:**

1. One customer successfully books the seats and receive a 200 Response Status Code
2. The other customer will not be able to book the seats and receive a 409 Response Status Code

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T13 | End-to-End | Cypress (Automated) |

**Objective:**

Verify that flight creation fails when including airport that is inactive

**Given:**

1. An admin is logged in, viewing their own dashboard

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | An airline is creating a flight with an active airport as an origin/destination | |

**When:**
1. The flight is being created; an admin updates the airport to become inactive

**Then:**
1. An error message is displayed to the airline
2. The flight is not created

| ID: | Type: | Execution Type: |
|---|---|---|
| T14 | End-to-End | Cypress (Automated) |

**Objective:**
Verify that flight creation fails when created by an inactive airline

**Given:**
1. An admin is logged in, viewing their own dashboard
2. An airline is logged in in a separate browser to creating a flight

**When:**
1. The flight is being created; an admin updates the airline to become inactive

**Then:**
1. Airline is automatically logged out
2. The flight is not created

# 9. Performance Testing

Performance testing was implemented with JMeter (see ./backend/ 2Pizzas-performance-tests.jmx for the test suite) and targeted a select number of application routes that were both exercised different parts of the source code but were simple to construct tests for. The following operations were targeted by performance testing

- User login
- Searching flights
- User sign up

These routes were chosen because they are simple to load test, login and search are both idempotent so it's simple to generate a large amount of valid traffic for these routes. And further each route exercised different mapper code, i.e., login exercise a database read while sign up exercises writes, the team was interested to validate that both reads and writes against the database were performant.

The following table and diagram show the results of load testing all three endpoints. Each test was run 10 times and an average through put was calculated. The results show that throughput scales relatively linearly with the number of users, which indicates that the application behaves optimally under load.
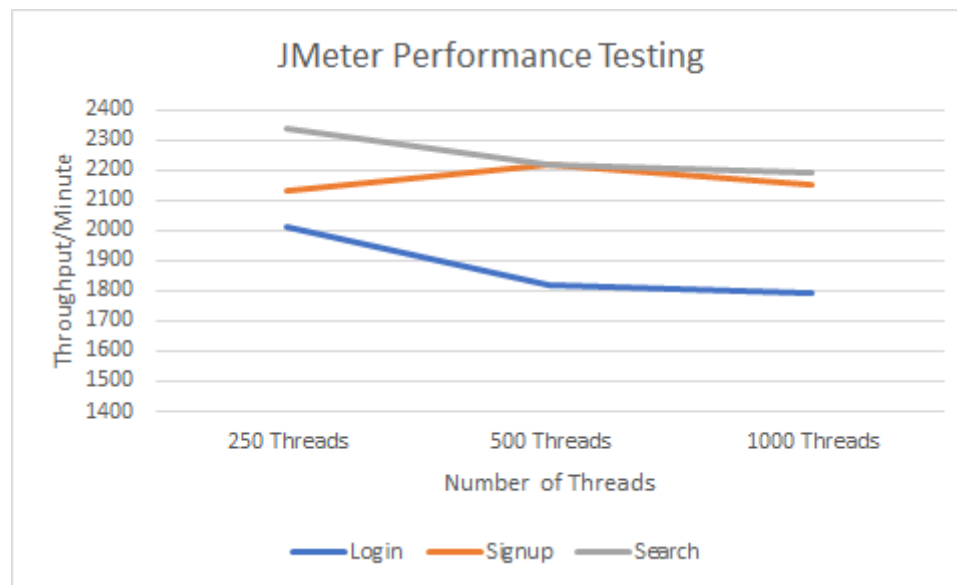
Throughput requests/minute

| | | Number of Threads | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| API Route | | 250 | 500 | 1000 |
| | Login | 2013.855 | 1819.615 | 1792.029 |
| | Signup | 2133.206 | 2217.475 | 2155.474 |
| | Search | 2337.869 | 2216.263 | 2194.230 |

# 10. Areas of improvement

## 10.1  Design patterns that have negatively affected performance

### 10.1.1  Optimistic Locking

Using optimistic locking decreases performance as it requires reading from the database twice. This is done before updating an entity to ensure that the version of the entity being modified has not changed since commencing the update. However, this extra read is necessary to ensure that the application is tolerant to concurrency.

### 10.1.2  Front Controller

The front controller is responsible for searching for the correct controller for incoming requests. However, this search is not at all optimized, matching paths to controller declarations is implemented with linear search. It would be far more performant to use another search algorithm. The WebApplicationContextImpl class is responsible for storing a registry of application controllers and returning the correct controllers for a particular request URL, improvements could be made to this naïve implementation to optimize both how it registers controllers and searches for controllers that service particular request URLs.

### 10.1.3  Dependency Injection

The dependency injection framework proxies all dependencies prior to injecting them into dependent components. This proxying adds a layer of indirection that must be unwrapped during each invocation to a dependency and thus adds the overhead of dereferencing to the processing required to service a request to the backend. Ultimately DI is an optimization for development rather than runtime performance, and the implementation for the 2Pizza system is simple and not intended for production use, frameworks such as Spring that implement DI do so in a much more performant way.

### 10.1.4  Data Transfer Objects

Mapping between DTO and model objects takes processing power and time. Thankfully this mapping takes place at most twice, once for the request and again for a response. Further the MapStruct library used by the team generates plain java mappings that do not use reflection (which can be particularly slow) and so this mapping is relatively well optimized.

## 10.2  Design patterns that positively affected performance

### 10.2.1  Unit of Work

Unit of work adds a layer of indirection that could be considered detrimental to performance however ultimately the unit of work provides a net improvement in performance by reducing the number of calls to the database and also reducing the number of open connections to the database.

### 10.2.2  Lazy Load

Lazy load is a pattern that smooths out the number of requests made to the database, by loading data on a 'as-needed' basis. For example, a booking object in the system comprises of values, but also other nested objects such as flights – lazy load will only load the values that are necessary and hold off on loading flights until they are accessed by the user. This results in faster rendering of webpages and a better user experience, and also reduces the load on the database as only necessary data is requested, and requests are spread out over a longer time period.

## 10.3  Potential improvements:

### 10.3.1  Data caching using Redis

The database is the bottleneck of the system, due to the number of requests it can process at a time. A way to improve the system would be to use Redis to cache data. Redis is a distributed in-memory data store, which means that data accesses are faster than data stored on disk. Additionally, as a distributed cache it can be horizontally scaled to meet the demands of the system. Therefore, to reduce the number of requests sent to the database and improve performance, the system can use Redis to cache frequently accessed static data.

### 10.3.2  Use a different communication protocol

HTTP is an extremely flexible protocol however its fairly expensive from a bandwidth and CPU cycle point of view, furthermore the serialization format we have chosen (JSON) is hugely popular because it is human readable however its bandwidth intensive. A leaner faster option could be to use another communication protocol such as gRPC, which is able to execute the same requests using less bandwidth (by serializing as bytes) and is also orders of magnitude faster than HTTP.

### 10.3.3  Database optimisations

As we are using PostgreSQL as a tool for data storage, we may want to index our data to improve data lookup speeds, though this would incur a trade-off where more memory will be used to store the index.

### 10.3.4 Stronger user authentication

The current system utilises a simple Authentication class that administers JSON Web Token (JWT) to registered users of the system when they first register and for each subsequent login. Each token is set to have an age of 1 hour such that user sessions will be automatically logged out. However, using JWTs as an authentication mechanism poses some security pitfalls. The current system uses a single secret key to generate all JWTs for its users, so if this key is leaked in any way, the entire system becomes compromised.

### 10.3.5 Running multiple instances of the backend

One simple way to increase the through put of the application is to run and load balance traffic between multiple instances of the backend. The backend uses an optimistic locking solution for concurrency, our implementations is stable with multiple consuming applications accessing a single data source so that the 2Pizza system can be easily scaled beyond a single backend instance. The following diagram shows how the 2Pizza system could be deployed with a multi-instance application layer that should be able to service far more concurrent requests than the single instance deployed for this subject.
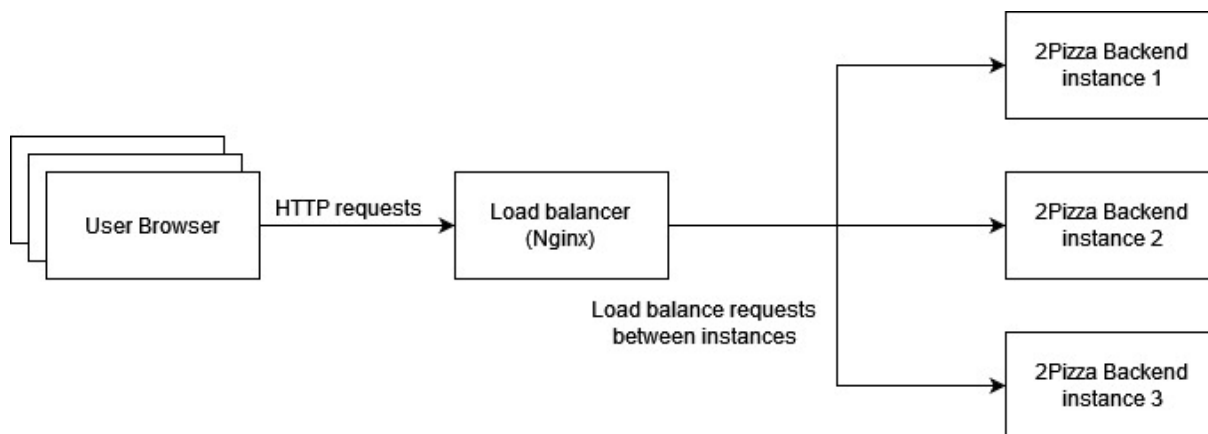


## 11. Appendix

## 11.1 JMeter test suite

The JMeter test plan can be found at /backend/2Pizzas-concurrency-tests.jmx

Execution of JMeter tests requires the following dependency, download as .jar from [Maven Central](), add to /lib of your JMeter installation, and restart JMeter.

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>com.eclipsesource.minimal-json</groupId>
    <artifactId>minimal-json</artifactId>
    <version>0.9.5</version>
</dependency>
```

Running the test plan will execute the following setup
1. Login an active test airline

2. Get all airports
3. Get all airplane profiles
4. Create a flight associated with the logged in airline, two of the returned airports (as origin and destination), and one of the returned airplane profile
5. Login an active customer

Running the test plan will execute the following tests

1. 4 concurrent users (thread groups) will be created each with a logged in customer session
2. Each group will attempt to create a booking for each seat on the flight created during the setup execution
3. If the booking for any seat by any user is successful (200 response) the test increments the number of successful bookings against that seat appropriately

Running the test plan will execute the following assertions

1. The system response for any booking request is either a 200 OK (booking successful) or 409 Conflict (booking rejected)
2. The number of successful bookings against any seat on the flight is never greater than 1, ie the system never returns a successful response for booking against any seat more than once.

Below shows the results of a successful Execution of the JMeter test plan, note that the 'Assertion Results' component displays results for the two nested components 'Response Assertion' and 'Assert Only One Booking Succeeds' which implement the assertions described above.
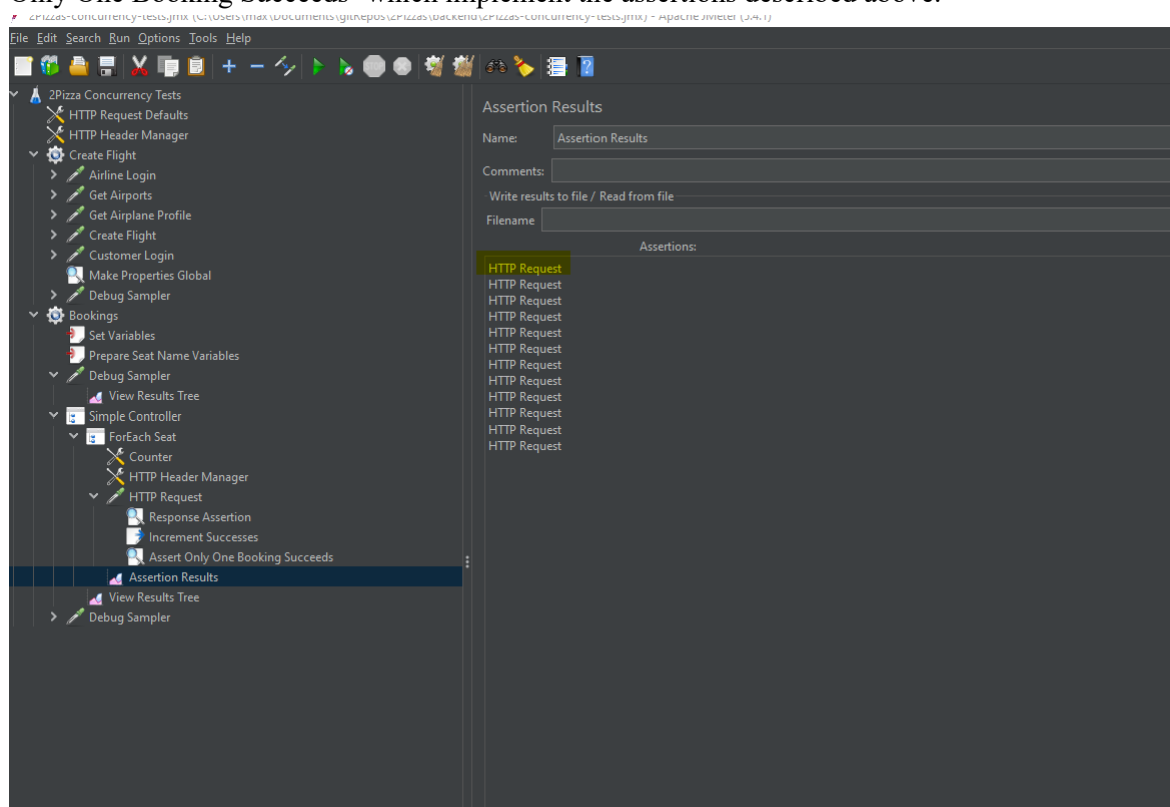


## 11.2 Unit Tests and Integration Tests

To run the Unit Tests and Integration Tests:

1. Clone the repository and open the repository root folder in IntelliJ
2. Add Run Configuration with the following flags and environment variables:

   VM Options: -ea –Dprofile=test

Environment Variables:

DATABASE_USERNAME=imvxeuqwkqsffn

DATABASE_PASSWORD=f4ed9811c5e77c79fc4ac9bae81de7b24ede0452ea454a656ba916c17a347f29
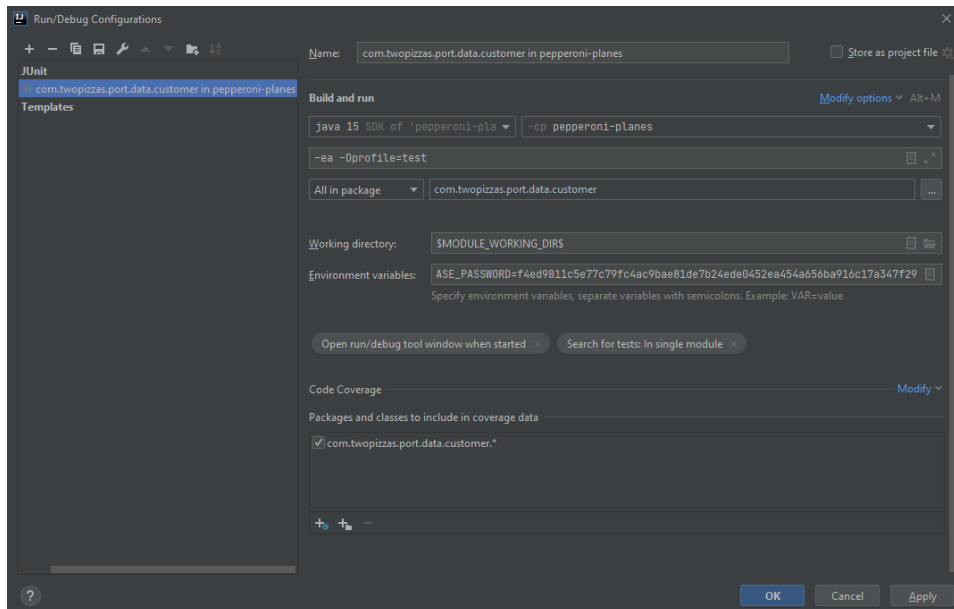


## 11.3  End to End Tests with Cypress

1. Clone the repository and open the frontend folder in Visual Studio Code
2. Open a terminal at the frontend folder
3. Enter: npm install -g yarn && yarn && yarn concurrency
   - npm install -g yarn installs the package manager used for our application
   - yarn installs all the required dependencies
   - yarn concurrency executes two Cypress runners, one for the first actor and another for the second actor
4. Running this will execute tests T12, T13, and T14:
   - T12 – Concurrent customers creating booking for same seats in same flights:

| # | First Actor = Customer 1 (john) | Second Actor = Customer 2 (jane) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Visit '/' URL path and search for flight from MEL to SYD that departs on 2022/01/01 and returns on 2022/01/02 for 1 passenger | |
| 2 | Select QN111 as the outbound flight and QN112 as the return flight and click Submit | |
| 3 | Login as John:<br>Username – john<br>Password – password | Login as Jane:<br>Username – jane<br>Password – password |
| 4 | Insert personal details of John Smith | Insert personal details of Jane Tong |
| 5 | Select Economy class and Seat 5A for Outbound and Return flights | |
| 6 | If URL is '/booking/create':<br>- Expect that an error text containing "Conflict" exists<br>- Expect other customer to have '/dashboard/view/bookings/current' as their URL path<br>If URL is '/dashboard/view/bookings/current':<br>- Expect other customer to have 'booking/create' as their URL path | |

   - T13 & T14 – Inactive airport and airline in the middle of creating flight:

| # | First Actor = Admin (admin) | Second Actor = Airline (qantas) |
|---|---|---|

| 1 | Login as an admin:<br>Username – admin<br>Password – password | Login as an airline:<br>Username – qantas<br>Password – password |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | Click on View Airports in the navbar | Click on Create Flight in the navbar |
| 3 | Wait until Create Flight form has been completed by airline | Fill in the Create Flight form, selecting Avalon Airport as an origin airport |
| 4 | Disable Avalon Airport | Wait for Avalon Airport to be disabled |
| 5 | Wait for Flight Creation to fail | Click Submit and expect to see Error text indicating that the airport is in INACTIVE state |
| 6 | Click on View Airlines in the navbar | Wait for Qantas to be disabled |
| 7 | Disable Qantas airline | |
| 8 | - | Expect user to be logged out automatically and URL path to be '/login' |