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1 Deliverable 1

1.1 Project Specification

Macro Buddy is a calorie tracking application designed to help users monitor their nutritional intake and achieve their dietary goals. The system allows users to track their daily food consumption by recording entries in a personal journal, organized by date and meal type.

The application is built using Java Spring framework with a PostgreSQL database for data persistence, containerized using Docker. The current implementation includes a mock frontend developed with Java Swing, following the Model-View-Controller architectural pattern.

Macro Buddy supports two types of users: regular users and administrators. Regular users can manage their personal food entries and customize their nutritional goals, while administrators have additional privileges to create and manage the food database accessible to all users.

1.2 Functional Requirements

1. User Authentication and Authorization

- Users must be able to register with a unique username and email
- Users must be able to log in securely with their credentials
- The system must distinguish between regular users and administrators
- Access to certain functions must be restricted based on user role

2. Food Database Management

- Administrators must be able to create new food entries with nutritional information
- The system must store comprehensive nutritional data for each food item
- Users must be able to search and browse the food database

3. Personal Journal Management

- Users must be able to add and remove food entries to their personal journal
- Users must be able to specify date, meal type, and quantity for each entry
- Users must be able to view their entries filtered by date

4. Nutritional Goal Setting

- Users must be able to set personal nutritional goals for calories, protein, fat, and carbohydrates
- The system must provide default values for new users
- Users must be able to update their goals at any time

5. Nutritional Analysis

- The system must calculate and display daily totals of nutritional intake
- The system must compare daily totals against user goals
- The system must provide visual feedback on goal progress

1.3 Use Case Model

1.3.1 Use Cases Identification

Use-Case: User Registration

Level: User goal

Primary Actor: Unregistered User

Main success scenario:

1. User provides username, email, and password
2. System validates input data
3. System creates new user account with regular user role
4. System initializes default nutritional goals for the user
5. System confirms successful registration

Extensions:

- Invalid or duplicate username/email: System notifies user and requests different input

Use-Case: User Login

Level: User goal

Primary Actor: Registered User

Main success scenario:

1. User provides username/email and password
2. System authenticates credentials
3. System grants access appropriate to user role

Extensions:

- Invalid credentials: System notifies user and allows retry

Use-Case: Add Food Entry

Level: User goal

Primary Actor: Regular User

Main success scenario:

1. User selects date and meal type
2. User searches for food item from database
3. User specifies quantity consumed
4. System calculates nutritional values based on quantity
5. System adds entry to user's journal
6. System updates daily nutritional totals

Extensions:

- Food item not found: User can request admin to add new food

Use-Case: Create New Food Item

Level: User goal

Primary Actor: Administrator

Main success scenario:

1. Admin provides food name, producer, and serving information
2. Admin inputs nutritional data (calories, protein, fat, carbs)
3. System validates input data
4. System adds new food item to database
5. System confirms successful addition

Extensions:

- Invalid or incomplete data: System highlights issues and requests corrections

Use-Case: Modify Nutritional Goals

Level: User goal

Primary Actor: Regular User

Main success scenario:

1. User accesses personal settings
2. User modifies calorie, protein, fat, and/or carb goals
3. System validates input values
4. System updates user's nutritional goals
5. System recalculates progress based on new goals

Extensions:

- Invalid values: System explains valid ranges and requests corrections

1.3.2 UML Use Case Diagrams

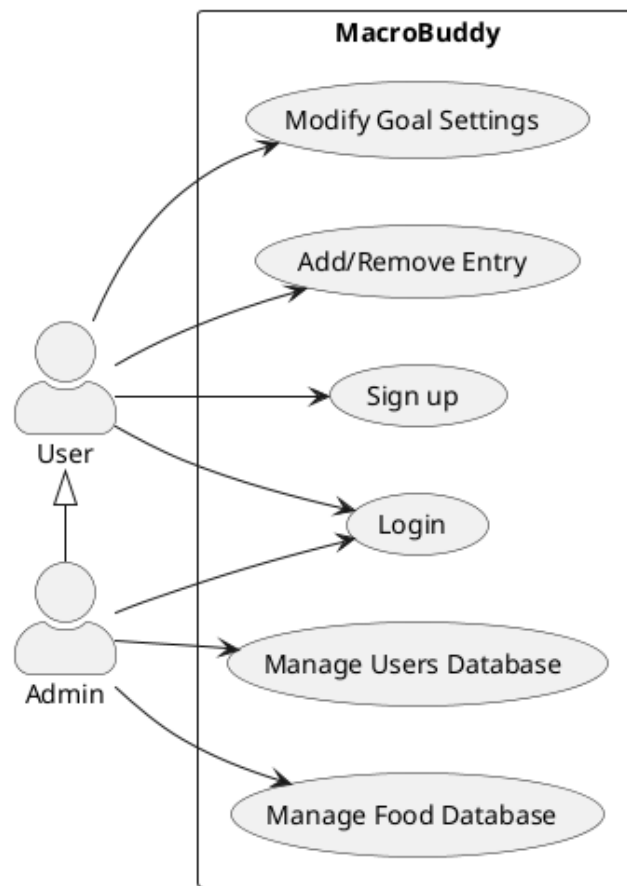


Figure 1: Macro Buddy Use Case Diagram

1.4 Supplementary Specification

1.4.1 Non-Functional Requirements

1. Security

The system must securely store user credentials and personal data. Passwords must be stored using cryptographic hashing algorithms. Access to user journals and personal data must be restricted to the respective users only. Administrator privileges must be strictly controlled.

This requirement is suitable for implementation because:

- Nutritional tracking applications contain sensitive personal health information
- Spring Security framework provides robust and easy to use security features

2. Usability

The user interface must be intuitive and require minimal training. Common tasks should be accomplishable in three clicks or less. The system must provide meaningful feedback for user actions and clear error messages when needed.

This requirement is suitable for implementation because:

- Daily use applications must have low friction to encourage consistent use
- Java Swing allows for fast development of clean and intuitive interfaces

3. Performance

The system must be highly respond to user input under normal operating conditions. The application must operate efficiently with at least 100 concurrent users, with minimal overhead on the users.

This requirement is suitable for implementation because:

- Response time directly usability
- Spring and PostgreSQL can be configured for high performance
- Database indexing and query optimization can be implemented

4. Maintainability

The codebase must follow object-oriented design principles and established design patterns. The system architecture must support future extension of features without major refactoring.

This requirement is suitable for implementation because:

- The current package structure already supports separation of concerns
- Service-oriented architecture allows for modular development
- Unit tests provide a foundation for sustainable maintenance
- Java Spring supports extensible application design

1.4.2 Design Constraints

Technology Stack

The system must be implemented using Java Spring framework for the backend services and PostgreSQL for data persistence. The current implementation requires Java Swing for the frontend interface.

Architectural Patterns

The backend must implement a layered architecture with clear separation between controllers, services, and repositories. This ensures maintainability and supports potential future migration to a web-based interface.

Development Process

Development must follow test-driven development practices, with unit tests required for all service classes. Mockito and JUnit Jupiter are the preferred testing frameworks.

Deployment Environment

The database must be containerized using Docker to ensure consistent development and deployment environments. The application must be configurable to connect to either a local or remote PostgreSQL instance.

1.5 Glossary

Entry A record of food consumption by a user, including date, meal type, food item, and quantity.

- Format: Object with date (timestamp), meal (string), quantity (float), food reference, and user reference
- Validation: Quantity must be positive

Food Item A nutritional data record for a specific food, including macronutrient information.

- Format: Object with name, producer, serving information, and nutritional values
- Validation: Name is required, nutritional values must be non-negative

Macronutrients The primary nutritional components tracked by the system: protein, fat, and carbohydrates.

- Format: Floating-point values measured in the food's respective serving units
- Validation: Values must be non-negative

Nutritional Goals User-defined targets for daily intake of calories and macronutrients.

- Format: Integer for calories, floating-point for protein, fat, and carbohydrates
- Validation: Values must be positive

Meal Type A categorization of food entries based on time of day or purpose.

- Format: String value (e.g., "Breakfast", "Lunch", "Dinner", "Snack")
- Validation: Must be one of the predefined meal types

Regular User A standard user who can manage their personal journal and settings.

- Format: User object with role set to "ROLE_USER"
- Validation: Must have valid user credentials

Administrator A user with elevated privileges who can manage the food database.

- Format: User object with role set to "ROLE_ADMIN"
- Validation: Must have valid user credentials

2 Deliverable 2

2.1 Domain Model

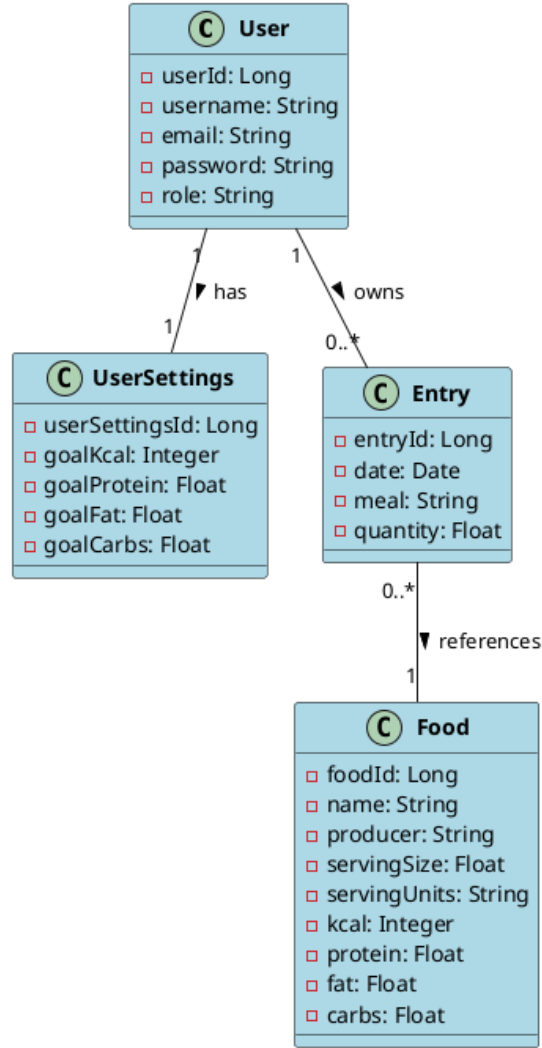


Figure 2: Macro Buddy Domain Model

The domain model illustrates the core entities of the system:

- **User**: Represents application users with authentication information and role designation (regular user or administrator).
- **UserSettings**: Contains the nutritional goals and other settings for a specific user.
- **Food**: Represents food items in the database with their nutritional information.

- **Entry:** Represents a food consumption record in a user's journal.

Key relationships:

- Each User has exactly one UserSettings profile.
- A User can have multiple Entry records (their food journal).
- Each Entry references exactly one Food item.

2.2 Architectural Design

2.2.1 Conceptual Architecture

The application implements client-server architecture with separation between the frontend and backend components. The backend follows a layered architecture pattern, while the frontend implements its own React-based architectural pattern. Together, they form a comprehensive web application with a React TypeScript frontend and a Java Spring RESTful API backend.

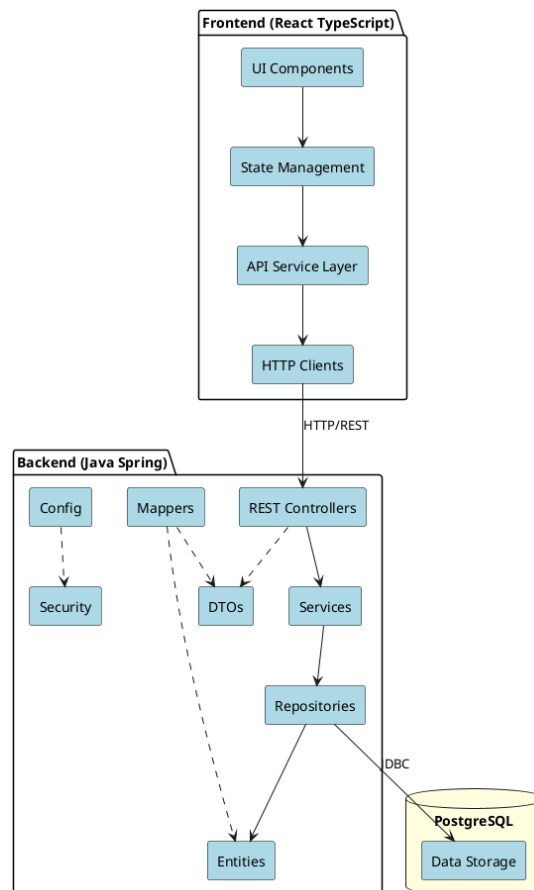


Figure 3: Conceptual Architecture

Architectural Style Justification:

The client-server architecture with layered backend was chosen for the following reasons:

1. **Clear Separation of Concerns:** The architecture separates the frontend (React) from the backend (Spring) with a well-defined REST API interface between them. Within each part, there are further separations (UI components/services in frontend, controllers/services/repositories in backend).
2. **Enhanced Security:** The architecture implements modern security practices with JWT for stateless authentication, CSRF protection for request verification, and secure password encryption.
3. **Maintainability and Testability:** Each layer has clear responsibilities, making it easier to test components in isolation and update specific parts without affecting the entire system.

The use of DTOs (Data Transfer Objects) and Mappers further enhances the architecture by:

- Providing a clear contract between frontend and backend
- Protecting internal domain objects from direct exposure
- Allowing for different representations of the same data for different use cases

2.2.2 Package Design

The package structure reflects the layered architecture and organizes code by technical responsibility.

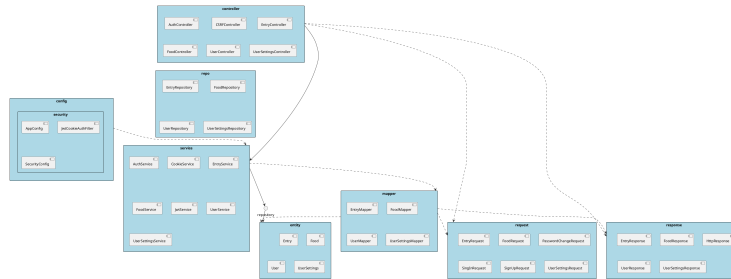


Figure 4: Package Diagram

The package design follows a clear dependency direction, where higher-level packages (controller) depend on lower-level packages (service, repository), maintaining the layered architecture principles:

- **config:** Contains application configuration for security features (JWT, CSRF, password encryption)
- **controller:** REST API endpoints that handle HTTP requests and responses

- **service:** Business logic implementation
- **repo:** Data access layer for interacting with the database
- **entity:** JPA entity classes that map to database tables
- **mapper:** Converts between entities and DTOs
- **request/response:** DTOs for API input and output

2.2.3 Component and Deployment Diagram

The component and deployment diagrams illustrate the runtime architecture and physical deployment structure of the system.

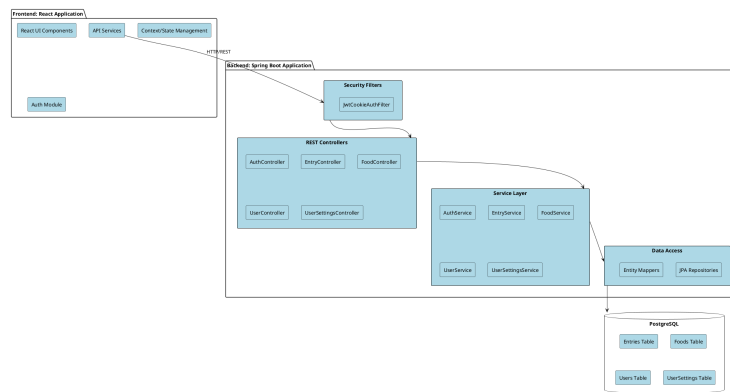


Figure 5: Component Diagram

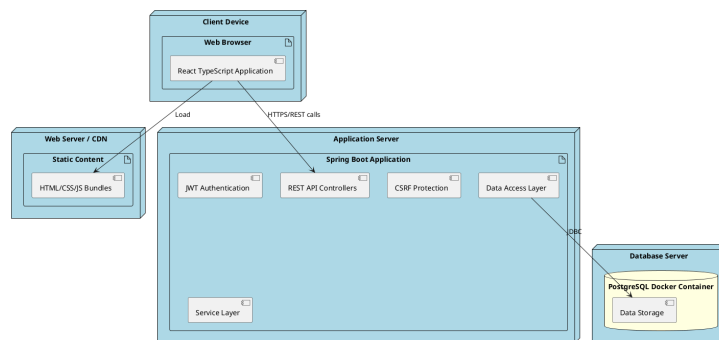


Figure 6: Deployment Diagram

The component diagram shows the internal structure of the application with a focus on the logical components and their interactions, while the deployment diagram illustrates how these components are distributed across physical hardware or containerized environments.

Key aspects of the deployment architecture:

- The frontend is a TypeScript React web application loaded in the client's browser.
- Static content (compiled React code) is served via a web server or CDN for optimal performance.
- The Spring Boot backend provides secure REST API endpoints with JWT authentication and CSRF protection.
- Business logic is implemented in the service layer, with clear separation from the data access layer.
- The PostgreSQL database runs in a Docker container for consistency across development and production environments.
- All client-server communication occurs via HTTP/S using RESTful conventions.