

SE 3XA3: Software Requirements Specification PocketSaver

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Table 1: **Revision History**

Date	Version	Notes
Date 1	1.0	Notes
Date 2	1.1	Notes

1 Introduction

Decomposing a system into modules is a commonly accepted approach to developing software. A module is a work assignment for a programmer or programming team (Parnas et al., 1984). We advocate a decomposition based on the principle of information hiding (Parnas, 1972). This principle supports design for change, because the “secrets” that each module hides represent likely future changes. Design for change is valuable in SC, where modifications are frequent, especially during initial development as the solution space is explored.

Our design follows the rules layed out by Parnas et al. (1984), as follows:

- System details that are likely to change independently should be the secrets of separate modules.
- Each data structure is used in only one module.
- Any other program that requires information stored in a module’s data structures must obtain it by calling access programs belonging to that module.

After completing the first stage of the design, the Software Requirements Specification (SRS), the Module Guide (MG) is developed (?). The MG specifies the modular structure of the system and is intended to allow both designers and maintainers to easily identify the parts of the software. The potential readers of this document are as follows:

- New project members: This document can be a guide for a new project member to easily understand the overall structure and quickly find the relevant modules they are searching for.
- Maintainers: The hierarchical structure of the module guide improves the maintainers’ understanding when they need to make changes to the system. It is important for a maintainer to update the relevant sections of the document after changes have been made.
- Designers: Once the module guide has been written, it can be used to check for consistency, feasibility and flexibility. Designers can verify the system in various ways, such as consistency among modules, feasibility of the decomposition, and flexibility of the design.

The rest of the document is organized as follows. Section 2 lists the anticipated and unlikely changes of the software requirements. Section 3 summarizes the module decomposition that was constructed according to the likely changes. Section 4 specifies the connections between the software requirements and the modules. Section 5 gives a detailed description of the modules. Section 6 includes two traceability matrices. One checks the completeness of the design against the requirements provided in the SRS. The other shows the relation between anticipated changes and the modules. Section 7 describes the use relation between modules.

2 Anticipated and Unlikely Changes

This section lists possible changes to the system. According to the likeliness of the change, the possible changes are classified into two categories. Anticipated changes are listed in Section 2.1, and unlikely changes are listed in Section 2.2.

2.1 Anticipated Changes

Anticipated changes are the source of the information that is to be hidden inside the modules. Ideally, changing one of the anticipated changes will only require changing the one module that hides the associated decision. The approach adapted here is called design for change.

AC1: The hardware on which the software is running.

AC2: Application user interface layout on various devices (Responsivity).

AC3: User interface appearance and colour scheme.

2.2 Unlikely Changes

The module design should be as general as possible. However, a general system is more complex. Sometimes this complexity is not necessary. Fixing some design decisions at the system architecture stage can simplify the software design. If these decision should later need to be changed, then many parts of the design will potentially need to be modified. Hence, it is not intended that these decisions will be changed.

UC1: Input device (On screen keyboard).

UC2: Output device (device screen).

UC3: Transaction entries updating and new entries logic.

UC4: Total expense calculation logic.

3 Module Hierarchy

This section provides an overview of the module design. Modules are summarized in a hierarchy decomposed by secrets in Table 2. The modules listed below, which are leaves in the hierarchy tree, are the modules that will actually be implemented.

M1: CustomImageCell Module

M2: Transaction Model Module

M3: ApiSV Module

M4: HomePage ViewModel Module
M5: TransactionPage ViewModel Module
M6: SettingsPage ViewModel Module
M7: PageActivityIndicator Module
M8: TintedImage Module
M9: TransactionListCell Module
M10: TransactionListPage
M11: AboutPage Module
M12: HomePage Module
M13: GroupedMasterPageItem Module
M14: MasterPageItem Module
M15: MainMasterDetailPage Module
M16: MainMenuPage Module

4 Connection Between Requirements and Design

The design of the system is intended to satisfy the requirements developed in the SRS. In this stage, the system is decomposed into modules. The connection between requirements and modules is listed in Table 3.

5 Module Decomposition

Modules are decomposed according to the principle of “information hiding” proposed by ?. The *Secrets* field in a module decomposition is a brief statement of the design decision hidden by the module. The *Services* field specifies *what* the module will do without documenting *how* to do it. For each module, a suggestion for the implementing software is given under the *Implemented By* title. If the entry is *OS*, this means that the module is provided by the operating system or by standard programming language libraries. Also indicate if the module will be implemented specifically for the software.

Only the leaf modules in the hierarchy have to be implemented. If a dash (–) is shown, this means that the module is not a leaf and will not have to be implemented. Whether or not this module is implemented depends on the programming language selected.

Level 1	Level 2
Hardware-Hiding Module	CustomImageCell Module
	TintedImage Module
	GroupedMasterPageItem Module
	MasterPageItem Module
	MainMasterDetailPage Module
	MainMenuPage Module
Behaviour-Hiding Module	Transaction Model Module
	ApiSV Module
	Home ViewModel Module
	Transaction ViewModel Module
	Settings ViewModel Module
	PageActivityIndicator Module
	TransactionList Cell Module
	TransactionListPage Module
	AboutPage Module
	HomePage Module
Software Decision Module	

Table 2: Module Hierarchy

5.1 Hardware Hiding Modules

5.1.1 CustomImageCell Module(M1)

Secrets: Get colours from module

Services: Allows custom cells to have tinted images

Implemented By: CustomImageCell.cs

5.1.2 TintedImage Module(M7)

Secrets: Get colours from module

Services: A custom image that allows for image colour tinting for the main menu images and various other pages

Implemented By: TintedImage.cs

5.1.3 GroupedMasterPageItem Module(M13)

Secrets: How the MasterPageItem is grouped together

Services: Groups the items in the master page into Modules for the MainMenuPage list

Implemented By: GroupedMasterPageItem.cs

5.1.4 MasterPageItem Module(M14)

Secrets: How each page is created for each view

Services: Determines the instances of pages to be loaded upon user selection

Implemented By: MasterPageItem.cs

5.1.5 MainMasterDetailPage Module(M15)

Secrets: How the navigation flows from page to page using MasterDetail layout

Services: Displays the master detail format for the pages of the application Module that creates an instance of a master detail format for the pages

Implemented By: MainMasterDetailPage.xaml, MainMasterDetailPage.cs

5.1.6 MainMenuPage Module(M16)

Secrets: How the MainMenu is laid out

Services: Module that displays the list of all pages within the application

Implemented By: MainMenuPage.xaml, MainMenuPage.cs

5.2 Behaviour-Hiding Module

5.2.1 ApiSV Module(M3)

Secrets: How the GET and POST requests are made

Services: API Service that allows the application to use GET and POST requests to retrieve and add data to the online database

Implemented By: ApiSV.cs

5.2.2 Home ViewModel Module(M4)

Secrets: Data Retrieval from the ApiSV module

Services: Does all back end data retrieval for the Home page to be used within the Home-Page view

Implemented By: HomeViewModel.cs

5.2.3 Transaction ViewModel Module(M5)

Secrets: Data Retrieval from the ApiSV module

Services: Does all of the back end data retrieval for the TransactionPage view

Implemented By: TransactionViewModel.cs

5.2.4 SettingsPage ViewModel Module(M6)

Secrets: Data Retrieval from the ApiSV

Services: Saves any local settings created by the user to be used for the SettingsPage view

Implemented By: SettingsViewModel.cs

5.2.5 TransactionList Cell Module (M9)

Secrets: How the ListCell is formatted for the ListView in the TransactionListPage

Services: Displays the data for each transaction as a specific format determined by the developer

Implemented By: TransactionListCell.cs

5.2.6 TransactionListPage Module (M10)

Secrets: How the data is displayed from the Transaction ViewModel

Services: Displaying the data from the TransactionViewModel onto the UI View for the user

Implemented By: TransactionListPage.xaml, TransactionListPage.cs

5.2.7 AboutPage Module(M11)

Secrets: N/A

Services: Displays the title, version and brief description of the PocketSaver Application

Implemented By: AboutPage.xaml, AboutPage.cs

5.2.8 HomePage Module (M12)

Secrets: How data is displayed from the HomePageViewModel to the UI view

Services: Displays the data from the HomePageViewModel to the UI View for the user

Implemented By: HomePage.xaml, HomePage.cs

6 Traceability Matrix

This section shows two traceability matrices: between the modules and the requirements and between the modules and the anticipated changes.

Req.	Modules
FR1	M9, M7
FR2	M9, M7, M11, M12
FR3	M7, M11, M12
FR4	M7

Table 3: Trace Between Requirements and Modules

AC	Modules
AC1	M1, M2, M4, M5, M6, M10, M16
AC2	M4, M5, M10, M11, M16
AC3	M4, M5, M10, M11, M16

Table 4: Trace Between Anticipated Changes and Modules

7 Use Hierarchy Between Modules

In this section, the uses hierarchy between modules is provided. ? said of two programs A and B that A *uses* B if correct execution of B may be necessary for A to complete the task described in its specification. That is, A *uses* B if there exist situations in which the correct functioning of A depends upon the availability of a correct implementation of B. Figure 1 illustrates the use relation between the modules. It can be seen that the graph is a directed acyclic graph (DAG). Each level of the hierarchy offers a testable and usable subset of the system, and modules in the higher level of the hierarchy are essentially simpler because they use modules from the lower levels.

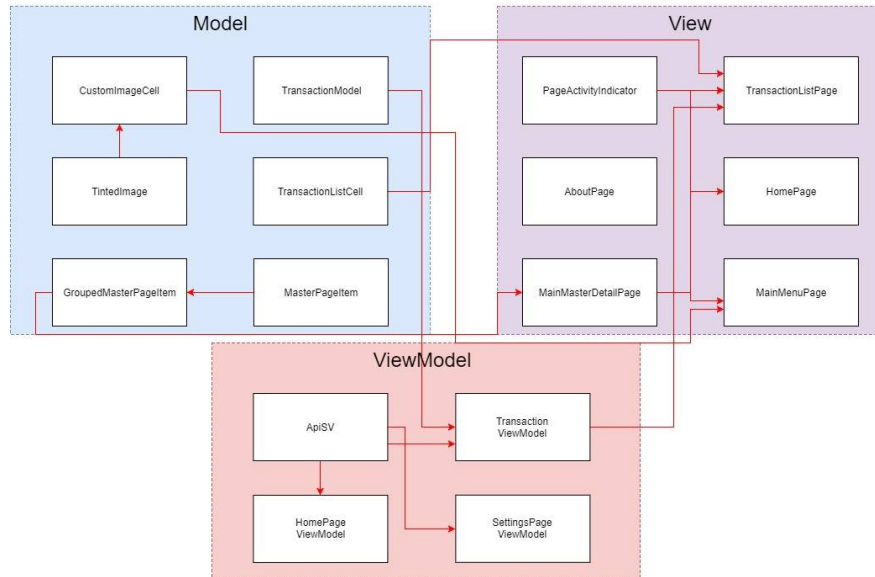


Figure 1: Use hierarchy among modules

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