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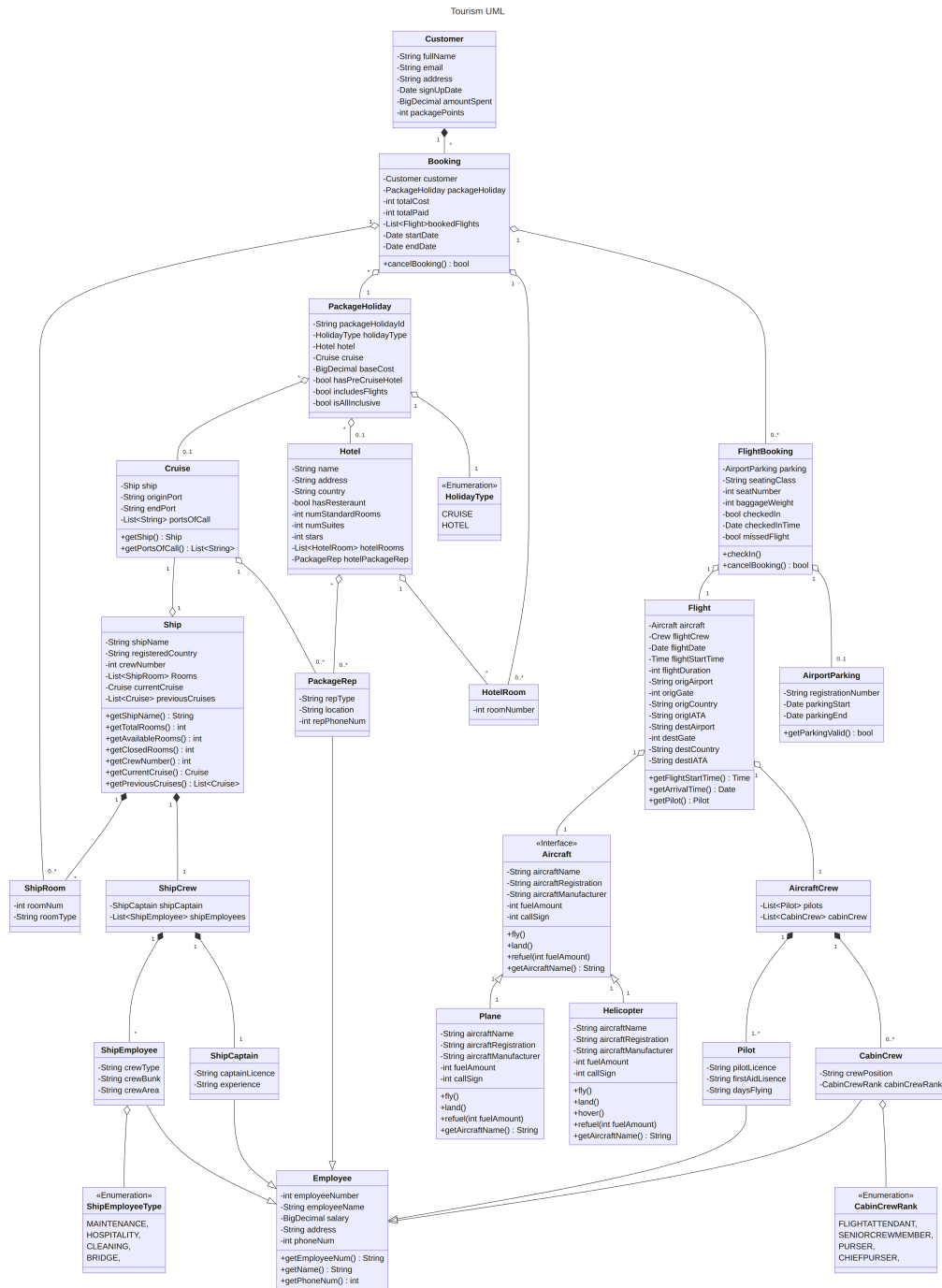
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## Program UML



**Figure 1:** UML Representation of Program

## Testing Report

### Introduction

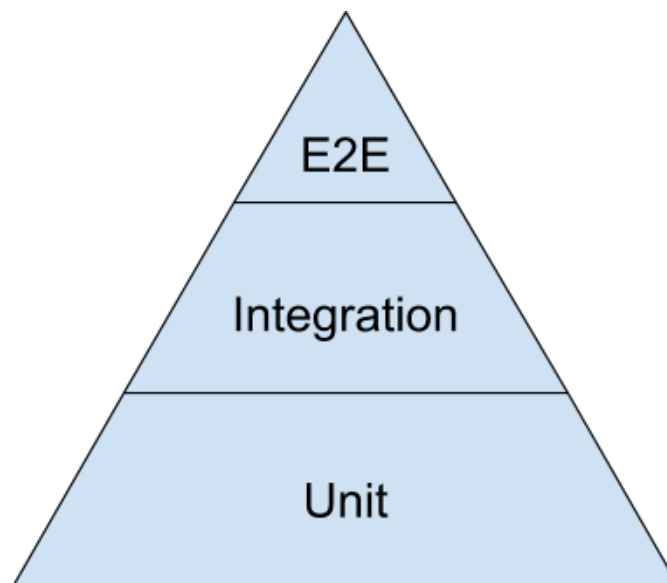
#### Automated Testing

The project will make extensive use of automated testing throughout development and deployment. Automated testing allows a developer to monitor if any defects are present in their codebase without manually testing and searching for errors, saving time. A report by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (2002) reports software bugs are estimated to have cost the United States of America \$59.5 billion annually. They estimated that approximately \$22.5 billion, a third of the cost, could be saved through improvements in testing infrastructure. The impact of automated testing is not only observed on the macro scale, but also on the team scale. Salesforce, customer relationship management software provider, reported the following reductions after implementing automated testing: staff involved in application deployment reduced by 65%, two to 3 hours of final testing became 10 minutes of automated tests, 3 to 4 hours of post-release testing was handled by 45 minutes automated testing, the patch release team reduced by 80%, and savings of 300 hours per major release (Cohn, 2009). On the other hand, automated testing has the following disadvantages: it has higher initial costs than manual testing, knowledge of the test tools is required, the tests require maintenance, and implementing testing requires either a developer or testing specialist (Umar and Chen, 2019). Despite these disadvantages, when automated testing is implemented early into a project's development its advantages far outweigh the detriments. Catching errors early without manual testing reduces the cost of finding and then solving them, in addition to improving the structure of the project, as seen in processes like test-driven development that will be discussed later. Overall, automated testing is an extremely valuable area with a significant role in the project's development process.

- Ensure that caught as they can become costly with time

The time invested by creating these automated tests can be recouped by the time saved in manual testing stages.

## Testing pyramid



**Figure 2:** Testing Pyramid (Wacker, 2015)

The automated test structure of the program will follow the testing pyramid strategy created by Mike Cohn (2009). His initial interpretation was a pyramid with 3 levels. The bottom being unit testing, then service testing, and finally, at the top, user interface testing. Various interpretations have stemmed from Mike Cohn's original design, renaming the pyramid's stages or by adding additional layers. However, it is agreed that the lowest layers receive the highest time and processing investment with the largest number of tests. As you ascend the pyramid's layers, the tests become more infrequent with lower investment. As seen in figure 2, unit tests would have the highest amount of tests; whereas, end-to-end (E2E) and user interface tests number far fewer, running less frequently. This is because end-to-end tests, whilst comprehensive, have several disadvantages. Cohn (2009) lists the drawbacks as, fragility, time cost, and processing cost. E2E tests are brittle; small changes in the program's user interface could break several tests. Repeated fixes create discontent and a reluctance to fix the broken test, leaving it useless. Moreover, effective, non-brittle E2E testing increases development time costs, making a large E2E test suite impractical. Finally, E2E testing costs more computationally than unit and integration testing, therefore tests can not run as frequently, decreasing daily coverage compared to unit and integration testing. On the other hand, unit testing, despite being quick, only deals with small independent slices of the program, missing tests concerning external services and how they integrate with each other. Therefore, service, or integration testing, acts middleman to avoid testing external dependencies such as databases, APIs and user input through the user interface.

The explanation on the testing pyramid provided short insights into the stages. The following report

will delve into the details and implementation of these layers.

## Unit tests

The first stages of testing occur during the development and programming process. The project will make extensive use of unit tests; these tests involve writing isolated automated tests that target small sections of the program, known as units.

Creation of the unit test involves developing a criteria, referred to as the test case.

The unit returns output that is compared to the test's criteria that is known to be correct by the developers.

Ensuring that these small units of the program are correct

Testing lots of small units that integrate to form a complex program reduces the amount of uncertainty compared to a large monolithic test of the end result.

Furthermore,

Within this project, the Java unit testing framework JUnit will be used.

JUnit test for checking in process in `FlightBooking.java`,

```
1 public boolean checkIn(){
2     if(LocalDate.now().isAfter(flight.getFlightStart())){
3         hasMissedFlight=true;
4         return false;
5     }
6     hasCheckedIn=true;
7     checkInTime=LocalDateTime.now();
8     return true;
9 }
```

The unit test created to test the `checkIn` method in the `FlightBooking` class.

```
1 import org.junit.jupiter.api.DisplayName;
2 import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;
3 import org.mockito.Mockito;
4
5 import java.time.LocalDate;
6
7 import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.assertFalse;
8 import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.assertTrue;
9
10 class FlightBookingTest {
11     private Flight testFlight;
12     private FlightBooking testFlightBooking;
13 }
```

```
14
15     @Test
16     @DisplayName("Check-in process with an on-time flight booking")
17     public void checkIn() {
18         LocalDateTime earlyDateTime = LocalDateTime.now().plusYears(1);
19         /*
20          * Create a mocked class of testFlight testFlight could use
21          * an API for plane tracking, so creating a stub ensures that
22          * the test is independent
23          */
24         testFlight = Mockito.mock(Flight.class);
25         // Set what to return when getFlightStart() is called
26         Mockito.when(testFlight.getFlightStart()).thenReturn(
27             earlyDateTime
28         );
29
30         // Call the check-in process
31         testFlightBooking = new FlightBooking(
32             testFlight, "economy", 12, 200
33         );
34         assertTrue(testFlightBooking.checkIn());
35     }
36
37     @Test
38     @DisplayName("Check-in process with a late flight booking")
39     public void checkInLate() {
40         LocalDateTime lateDateTime = LocalDateTime.now().minusYears(1);
41
42         // Create another mocked class
43         testFlight = Mockito.mock(Flight.class);
44         // Set return time to the future to fail check-in
45         Mockito.when(testFlight.getFlightStart()).thenReturn(
46             lateDateTime
47         );
48
49         // Call the check-in process
50         testFlightBooking = new FlightBooking(
51             testFlight, "economy", 12, 200
52         );
53         assertFalse(testFlightBooking.checkIn());
54     }
55 }
```

## Integration tests

Integration, or service layer, testing involves verifying that independent components of the program successfully interact and connect together as expected (Contan et al., 2018). These independent components could be databases, files, APIs, user inputs, and so on. It is one level above the isolation

of unit tests, but below end-to-end testing. Integration testing is split into 2 areas, narrow and broad integration testing. The former tests: exercise the code that interacts with the separate component, use test doubles - not production or development services in the test, and number in higher numbers than the latter (Fowler, 2018). Whereas, broad testing requires live versions of every service, testing all code paths; not just those that interact with separate services. Therefore, narrow integration tests will run quicker and provide earlier feedback at the expense of the test's depth and code coverage. Thus, it is important to use both tests; a sizeable amount of narrow test regularly running will spot most integration errors. Then, the broad tests can be run during less frequently, such as during deployment pipelines, to spot any errors that passed through the narrow tests.

Narrow integration tests can be implemented through many libraries: `JUnit`, `Spring`, `testcontainers`, or mocking. Valley Cruises' service would require an SQL database for customer information. This external service would require integration testing with the Customer class and code that reads the customer information from the database. Using the library `testcontainers`, we create a temporary isolated SQL database through docker, we then connect to it, interact with the database through the customer's SQL classes, and check if those interactions propagate to the database. If the tests succeed, the database and program are successfully integrated. In Valley Cruises application, narrow integration tests will be used with the service's database for customer, holiday, flight, and cruise information. Furthermore, narrow integration tests can be used for any file input or output in Valley cruises operations; these IO operations may be used to read images, Welsh language localisation text, or configuration files for the service.

Integration test using `testcontainer` and the `Customer` class (testcontainers, [no date]),

```
1 import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;
2 import org.junit.jupiter.api.AfterAll;
3 import org.junit.jupiter.api.BeforeAll;
4 import org.junit.jupiter.api.BeforeEach;
5 import org.junit.jupiter.api.DisplayName;
6 import org.testcontainers.containers.PostgreSQLContainer;
7
8
9 /**
10  * Test the program's integration with a database
11  */
12 public class CustomerIntegrationTest {
13
14     /*
15      * Create a temporary database container to test a database's
16      * integration with the program
17      */
18     static PostgreSQLContainer<?> postgres =
19         new PostgreSQLContainer<>("postgres:16-alpine");
20
21     Customer customer;
```



```
22     // CustomerDatabase customerDatabase;
23
24     /**
25      * Start the database
26      */
27     @BeforeAll
28     public static void startContainer() {
29         postgres.start();
30     }
31
32     /**
33      * Stop the database container
34      */
35     @AfterAll
36     public static void stopContainer() {
37         postgres.stop();
38     }
39
40     /**
41      * Connect to the database and proceed to clean it of previous
42      * entries
43      */
44     @BeforeEach
45     public void setUpCleanDb() {
46         customerDatabase = new CustomerDatabase(postgres.getJdbcUrl());
47         customerDatabase.deleteAll();
48     }
49
50     /**
51      * Test that {@code customerDatabase} integrates with and adds
52      * the customer to the database
53      */
54     @Test
55     @DisplayName("Database create customer")
56     public void dbCreateCustomer() {
57         customer = new Customer("Jake Real", "jakeemail@email.com",
58             "3 Cool Road, Swandiff"
59         );
60         // Add the created customer to the database
61         customerDatabase.addCustomer(customer)
62         // Test that customer was created in the database
63         assertEquals("Jake Real", customerDatabase.getCustomerByName(
64             "Jake Real").getFullName()
65         );
66     }
67
68     /**
69      * Test that {@code customerDatabase} integrates with and deletes
70      * the customer from the database
71      */
72     @Test
```

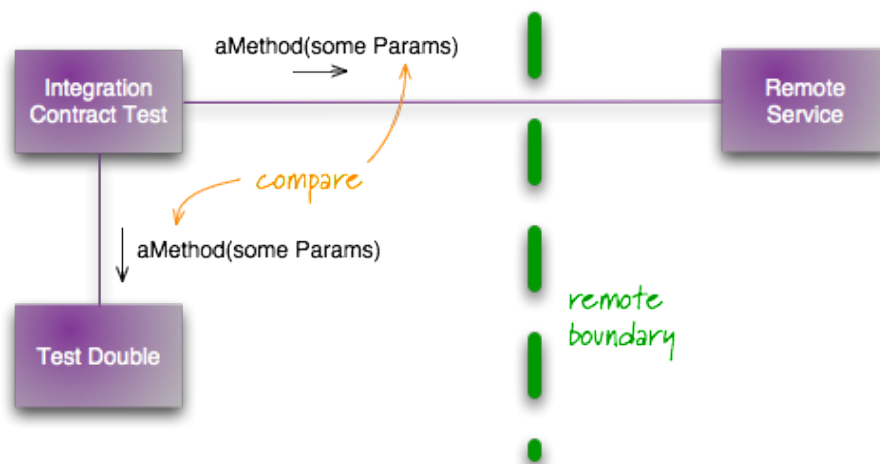
```

73     @DisplayName("Database delete customer")
74     public void dbDeleteCustomer() {
75         customer = new Customer("Jake Real", "jakeemail@email.com",
76                                 "3 Cool Road, Swandiff"
77         );
78         // Add the created customer to the database
79         customerDatabase.addCustomer(customer);
80         // Test that customer was created in the database
81         assertEquals("Jake Real", customerDatabase.getCustomerByName(
82             "Jake Real").getFullName()
83         );
84         // Delete the customer from the database
85         customerDatabase.deleteCustomerById(customer.getId());
86         // Check that there are no customers
87         assertEquals(0, customerDatabase.getAllCustomers().size());
88     }
89
90 }

```

In a broad integration test, the process of creating a customer and booking the customer on a holiday and that integration between these two concepts could be tested. Alternatively, APIs that are external to Valley Cruise's network such as potential flight tracking APIs would be included in broad tests due to a lack of control over them.

### Contract Testing



**Figure 3:** Contract testing (Fowler, 2011)

Integration testing is very effective when the tester controls the external services. However, speed and reliability decreases when tests occur between internal external, remote services. The external service

can be slow, update with breaking changes, or have downtime. These are very undesirable in a test. To solve this issue, a test double is created through stubbing the remote service; this is when the class is emulated by the test software, returning predefined information when called. However, it is important that the test double is accurate to the remote service otherwise the developer will not be aware of when changes need to be made to code to reflect the service's changes. Therefore, contract tests are used. Martin Fowler (2011) describes them as tests that, 'check all the calls against your test doubles return the same results as a call to the external service world'. Failures in the contract tests should alert a developer to look at the codebase and the external service to check they still integrate well. The test double should then be updated accordingly. Within the Valley Cruises service, potential uses of the contract test would be interacting with plane tracking APIs, postcode APIs for customer registration, and interacting with civil aviation authorities for pilot licencing.

## End-to-end Testing

End-to-end tests cover the entire application, including the user interface. The user interface of the application is automatically run through by the testing application. Inputs should correctly trigger their actions, the correct data should be displayed, and the UI states should change when expected to. (Fowler, 2013) Furthermore, the layout of the frontend can be visually tested. As the testing tool proceeds through the service, screenshots of layouts are taken; these screenshots are compared to previous iterations and control screenshots. Any discrepancies are flagged to the developers for manual checking (Vaidya, 2023). End-to-end testing's major advantage is that it exercises the whole application and its connections connected; errors in components that other tests were unable to find are discovered. However, end-to-end tests are far more brittle than other testing categories. Browser peculiarities, timings, model dialogues, and animations can create false positives that have to be debugged. Thus, these tests take more time and specialities to develop. Moreover, they must be regularly maintained when changes are made to user interface and data. These tests are far more expensive computationally, taking longer to complete. Therefore, far fewer of these tests are created and run, in accordance with the testing pyramid, so high-value scenarios are prioritised. In Valley Cruises' case, browsing the holidays, creating an account, adding the holiday to the cart, paying for the holiday, and managing holidays in your account.

End-to-end testing for this project will be implemented by a framework supported in Java - [Selenium](#). [Selenium](#) uses the browser to automatically call a website, interact and enter data into it, and check that the correct changes are made. Whilst doing this, [Selenium](#) can take screenshots of the process, run in a headless, non-graphical browser, or run on a server with no graphical user interface.

Example of an end-to-end test using [Selenium](#) in Java,

However, end-to-end tests take longer to write and maintain. Moreover, they are the most computationally expensive test.

Selenium Webdriver

Input validation etc.

## Implementation with continuous integration services

### Conclusion

Building on top of unit testing, continuous integration ensures that all developers within the organisation:

- feature flags
- ui testing
- test lab
- testing pyramid
- e2e testing - operational - max interaction - require running services - automated ui testing server
- integration testing - testing api code interactions, database connection
- black box testing - less interaction -
- martin fowler testing articles

Should the service require any external APIs. These could be tracking APIs offered by various airports, or apis offered by the FIA (British equivalent) to ensure that planes are correctly en route. Then the implementation of contract testing can ensure that updates to API returns and interfaces are quickly recognised and corrected. To ensure that the service does not suffer for too long.

End to end user testing.

## Manual Testing

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