TAPWATER

SOFTWARE SYSTEM DESIGN

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This software design document describes the architecture and system design of the TapWater project in order to foster further understanding of project elements amongst programmers.

1.2 Overview

The following document is organized into several sections:

- II. Main system architecture description
- III. Sub-systems architecture description
- IV. Rationale for each architectural design choice
- V. Development view diagram
- VI. Physical view diagram
- VII. Data view diagram
- VIII. Work-Assignment diagram
- IX. Element catalog
- X. User Interface

II. MAIN SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

TapWater's main system structures run on a "client-server" model architecture. The system's clients consist of the iOS and Android applications, both of which communicate through a Heroku server. The Heroku server provides data access across both client systems and maintains data integrity.

III. SUB-SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE

TapWater's iOS and Android application sub-systems run on an object-oriented architecture. All data representation objects are completely self-contained. See the data view (VII) and element catalog (IX) for additional information regarding the individual subsystems.

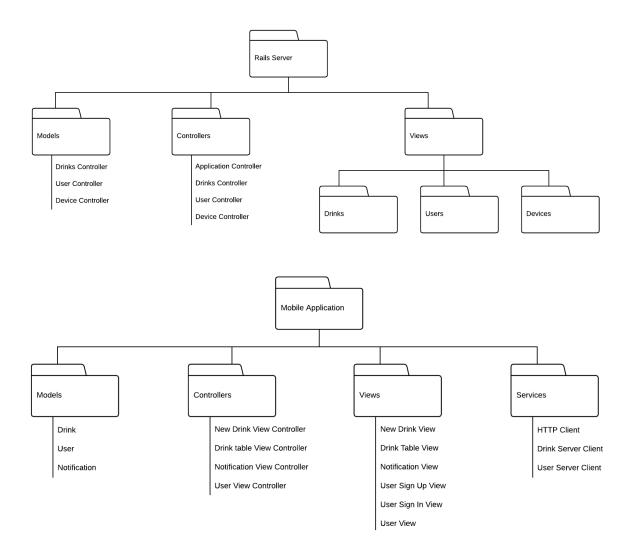
IV. RATIONALE

The Client-Server architecture style was selected as the main system architecture because TapWater's design requires the ability to send, store, and receive data on drinks to and from a client device. This made the Client-Server architecture ideal to the situation.

The Object-Oriented architecture style was chosen for the subsystem because of the need for a simplistic and self-contained data format to facilitate crossplatform synchronization and to keep future development implementations easier.

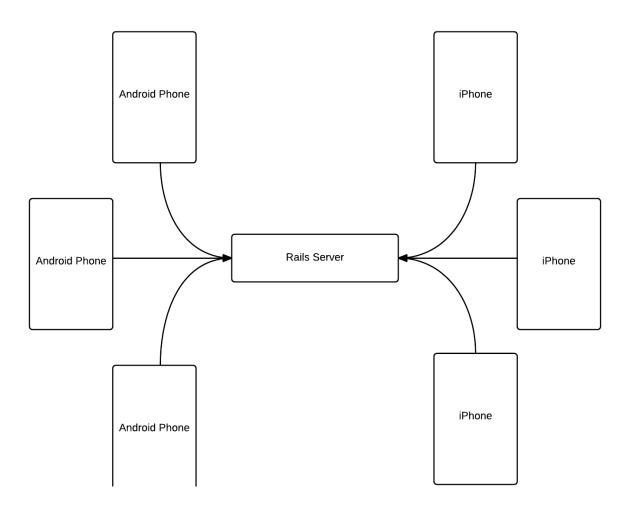
V. DEVELOPMENTAL VIEW

The following diagrams break down the organization of both the Server and Client systems and their components.



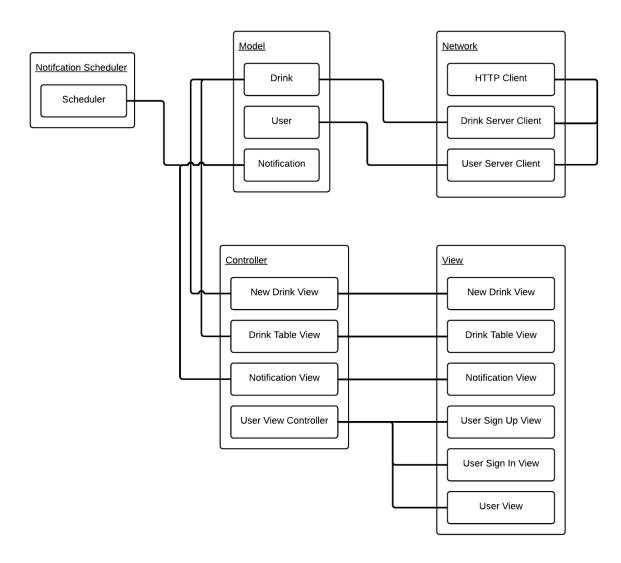
VI. PHYSICAL VIEW

The following diagram depicts the overall physical structure of the intended system. Here, the "Rails Server" (Heroku) is the Server and each of the iPhone and Android devices are the Clients.



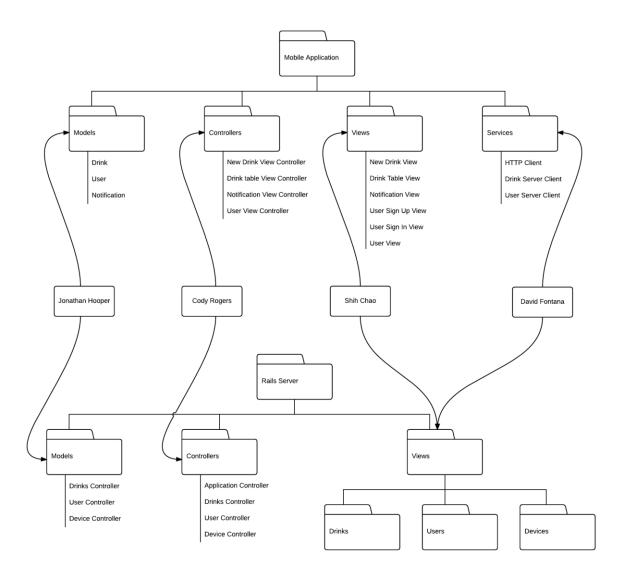
VII. DATA (LOGICAL) VIEW

The following diagram showcases the interaction between and structure of systems and subsystems.



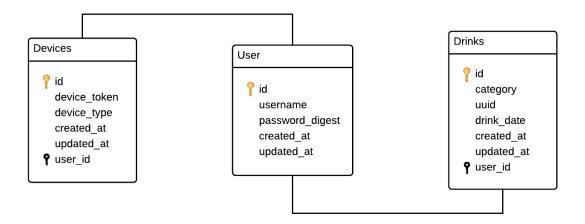
VIII. WORK-ASSIGNMENT VIEW

This diagram illustrates the different work-assignments amongst group members and how each assignment integrates into the project as a whole by utilizing the developmental view.



IX. ELEMENT CATALOG

This final diagram shows the internal components of each data object representation (namely: Devices, Users, and Drinks).



X. USER INTERFACES

As seen here, the user interfaces (encountered only on client devices) are kept deliberately simple and minimalistic in order to facilitate ease-of-use amongst the entire user base. That is, one of the TapWater project's goals is to be incredibly easy to dive into as a new user with very little learning curve. The interface consists primarily of two screens show below. The first, main screen is where users will add drinks to their daily count. The second screen is a drink history which showcases when each drink was added to the user's list.

