**Project 1 Automail – Report**

**SWEN30006 Software Modelling and Design**

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**Introduction:**

This report will focus on the pattern we have applied in the project. Also, we will go through the operation process of the program.

There are two main steps we done to finish this project:

1. We have drawn the static design model to analysis the problem and design our solution.
2. We have wrote the code part by java according to the design model we draw before.

**Assumption:**

**Summary:**

In this project, we used the ***Factory pattern*** and **General Responsibility Assignment Software Patterns (GRASP)** to apply to our design. We have a *MailFactory* class to handle the creation of all the *mailItem*. Also, we create the *Charger, ServiceFee* and *ActivityCost* to handle the fees we have in current situation. For the robot, we create the *Robot* class, which is abstract, then the *NormalRobot* class inheritance from *Robot* class.

At the last, we have *feeFinder* class to handle the ? and *StatisticRecorder* class to do the statistic printing.

**Operation Process**

**Patterns and Principles:**

As the summary above, we have the *MailFactory* class to do the creation of the *mailItem.* In the source code, it only has *MailGenerator* to produce the *mailItem* and also put them into the *MailPool*. It let the MailGenerator has two responsibilities. So, we separate the responsibility of production of *mailItem* by create the MailFactory class. Thus, we can let the MailFactory to handle all the creation of the mailItem and other classes do not need to care about the creation of them. Also, because we have the *mailItem* class and the *normalMailItem* class inherit from the *mailItem*. This inheritance and *MailFactory* meets the **Open-Closed Principle** to allow any other types of *mailItem* can easily added into our system without any change in the source code. In addition, it decreases the coupling.

For the robot, we have *NormalRobot* class and *Robot* class which is the *NormalRobot* class’s parent class.

Because these two classes, we can add any type of robot into our system without changing our source code. For example, if we want to add a new type of robot which has different function, we can add a new type of robot and have an inheritance of *Robot* class. This design meets the *Open-Closed Principle* and the *Polymorphism*. In the original design, there is only an *Robot* class which is hard to add any new type of robot in the future.

For the new feature of this design, charge, we said we have created three classes (*Charger, ActivityCost, Service Fee*) to complete it. The reason we separate the *ActivityCost* and *ServiceFee* from Charger is