



Computer Science 2A

Practical Assignment 05

Assignment date:

2023-04-18

Deadline

2023-04-25 12h00

Marks: 115

This practical assignment must be uploaded to eve.uj.ac.za **before** 2023-04-25 12h00. Late¹ or incorrect submissions **will not be accepted**, and will therefore not be marked. You are **not allowed to collaborate** with any other student.

Good coding practices include a [proper coding convention](#) and a good use of [documentation](#). Marks will be deducted if these are not present. Every submission **must** include a batch file unless stated otherwise.

The **reminder page** includes details for submission. Please ensure that **ALL** submissions follow the guidelines. The reminder page can be found on the last page of this practical.

This practical aims to familiarise you with JavaFX.

The **Milky Way Space Communication Board (MWSCB)**² is pleased with your progress but now require a **Graphical User Interface(GUI)** for your application (to make it more modern).

Create a **ShipPane** class that extends **StackPane** (*javafx.scene.layout.StackPane*). This will act as the root node for your Scene. The **ShipPane** class will have the following components:

- A **MenuBar** containing a **MenuItem** to open a **FileChooser** to select the file to open
- A **TitledPane** control that provides an expandible container for **Ship**, including:
 - Properties of the **Ship** in a **GridPane** layout
- A **ListView** control to hold and display the **Messages** data, including:
 - **TitledPane** to display each of the derived **Message** class objects
 - Each derived **Message** class i.e. **SOSMessage**, **EncryptedMessage** and **NormalMessage** object is placed inside its own **GridPane** (for layout of content)
- You may use the following optional controls (or others that you find useful):
 - **ScrollPane**: Provides a scrollable container where necessary
 - **HBox** and **VBox**: Provide containers for horizontal and vertical stacking of nodes respectively (provided image)

You are provided with a library file (from the last practical) that contains the **Ship**, **Message**, **SOSMessage**, **NormalMessage** and **EncryptedMessage** model classes. In addition, it includes a **DataReader** class with a **readShipFile** method that takes a File as a parameter and returns

¹Alternate arrangements for exceptional circumstances will be posted on eve.

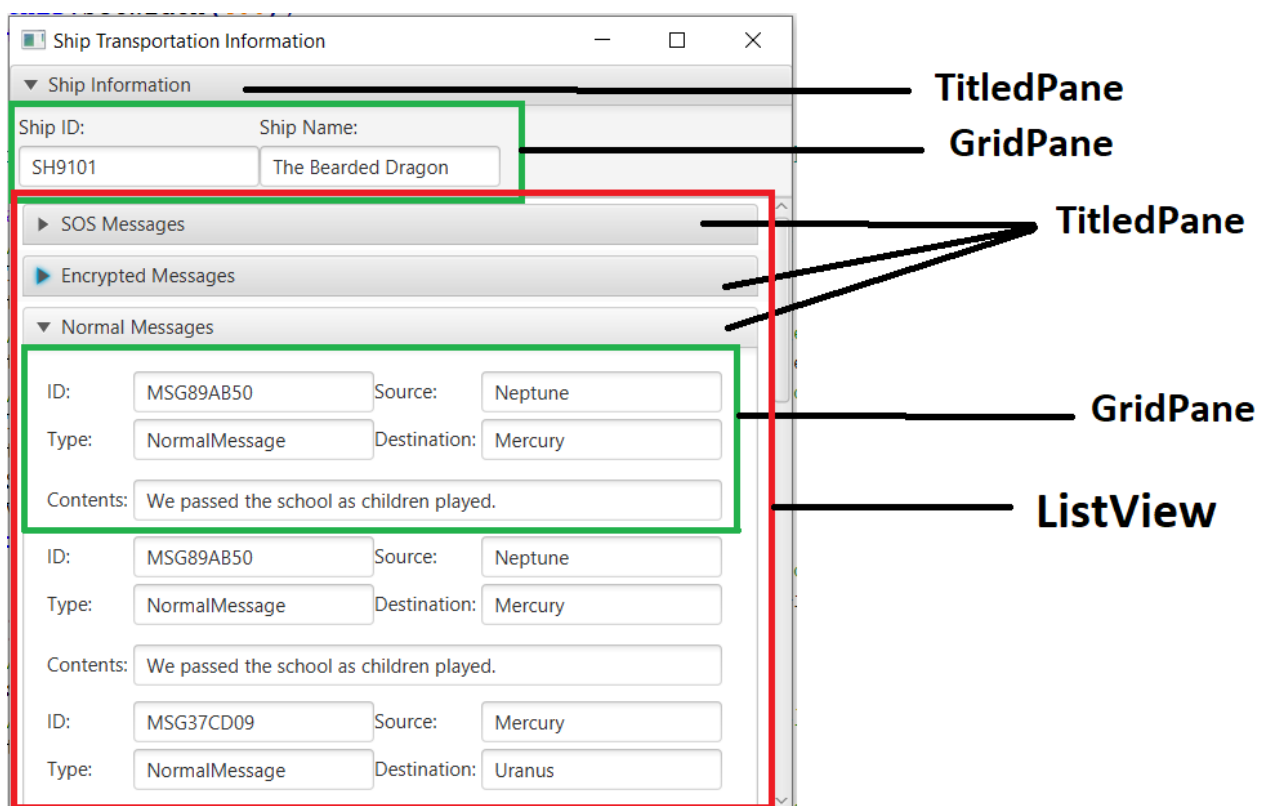
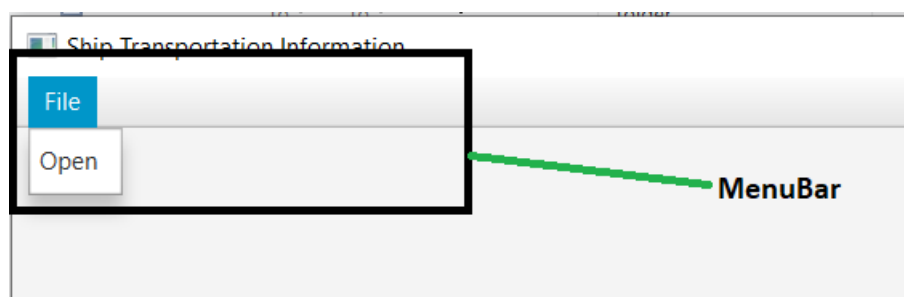
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a **Ship** instance. The **Ship** class has a **getMessages** method that returns an array of **Messages**. You are also provided with a file named `shipInfo.dat` that you are required to read data from.

Your **Main** class should contain the following:

- **Main** must extend **Application** (`javafx.application.Application`), and you must implement the main method correctly³
- Implement the **start** method required by the JavaFX **Application**
- In your **main** method, launch the JavaFX Application
- Your class you will need to instantiate an instance of the **ShipPane**
- Add the **ShipPane** instance to a **Scene** and load it onto the **Stage** provided by the **Application** and show the **Stage**

Here is an *example* of how you can lay out your **Application** and its **ShipPane**.



Remember to place the relevant classes into the **csc2a.acsse** subpackages⁴

³Refer to Lecture Notes

⁴Hint: UI classes such as **ShipPane** should appear in the **csc2a.acsse.gui** subpackage.

Marksheet

1. Updated UML class diagrams for all classes created (Do not include **Main**). [10]
 2. **ShipPane**
 - (a) **MenuBar** with **MenuItem** [02]
 - (b) **FileChooser** to select file [02]
 - (c) **Ship** instance by calling **DataReader.readShipFile** [02]
 - (d) **TitledPane** for **Ship** [05]
 - (e) **ListView** for **Message** [10]
 - (f) **TitledPane** for derived **Message** classes, i.e. **SOSMessage**, **EncryptedMessage** and **NormalMessage** [15]
 - (g) Use of **GridPanes** to display **Ship** information [05]
 - (h) Use of **GridPanes** to display **Message** information [05]
 3. **Main**
 - (a) Extends **Application** [01]
 - (b) Has **start** method [02]
 - (c) **main** launches application [01]
 - (d) Has **ShipPane** instance [05]
 - (e) Adds **ShipPane** to **Scene** and loads it onto **Stage** [10]
 4. Packages [05]
 5. Coding convention (structure, layout, OO design) [05]
 6. Commenting (normal and JavaDoc commenting) [05]
 7. Correct execution [25]
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NB

Submissions which **do not compile** will be capped at 40%!

Practical marks are awarded subject to the student's ability to explain the concepts and decisions made in preparing the practical assignment solution. (Inability to explain code = inability to be given marks.)

Execution marks are awarded for a correctly functioning application and not for having related code.

Reminder

Your submission must follow the naming convention below.

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Example

Surname	Berners-Lee	Module Code	CSC02A2
Initials	TJ	Current Year	2023
Student number	209912345	Practical number	P05

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Your submission must include the following folders:

Folder	State	Purpose
bin	<i>Required</i>	Should be empty at submission but will contain runnable binaries when your submission is compiled.
docs	<i>Required</i>	Contains the batch file to compile your solution, UML diagrams, and any additional documentation files. All files must be in PDF format. Your details must be included at the top of any PDF files submitted. Do not include generated JavaDoc.
src	<i>Required</i>	Contains all relevant source code. Source code must be placed in relevant sub-packages! Your details must be included at the top of the source code.
data	<i>Optional</i>	Contains all data files needed to run your solution.
lib	<i>Optional</i>	Contains all libraries needed to compile and run your solution.

NB

Every submission **must** include a batch file that contains commands which will:

- Compile your Java application source code.
- Compile the associated application JavaDoc.
- Run the application.

Do not include generated JavaDoc in your submission. All of the classes/methods which were created/updated need to have JavaDoc comments.

Multiple uploads

Note that only **one** submission is marked. If you already have submitted once and want to upload a newer version then submit a newer file with the same name as the uploaded file in order to overwrite it.