Assignment Report

Project 1.1 | Pizza Config API – Enhanced Version

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Detailed Report for Project 1.1: Pizza Config API – Enhanced Version

1. Introduction

So, in Project 1.1 we took our earlier proof-of-concept (Project 1.0, ya know) and kinda upgraded it into a more robust and flexible Pizza Configuration API. Our main goal was to rework the internal design—swapping out fixed arrays for dynamic collections—and to build a proper API layer that hides all the messy inner details. This report walks you through the whole process—from figuring out what we needed to final testing—and explains why we made every design call.

2. Objectives and Requirements

Objectives

- **Enhance the Model:**
  We refactored our original model (which used clunky fixed arrays) by switching over to dynamic collections like ArrayList for storing both option sets and options.
- **Develop an API Layer:**
  We created a new package (think of it as a wrapper) that exposes functionality through well-defined interfaces. This neat API hides the inner workings of our data (the PizzaConfig, OptionSet, and Option) and gives controlled access.
- **Maintain Modular Design:**
  We made sure our classes are independent, self-contained, and follow proper encapsulation, separation of concerns, and low coupling.

Requirements

- **Dynamic Collections:**
  Forget arrays – we replaced them with ArrayList for managing OptionSets in PizzaConfig and Options in OptionSet.
- **API Interfaces and Abstract Class:**
  We set up interfaces (CreatePizzeria and UpdatePizzeria) to define the API methods. Then, we built an abstract class (ProxyPizzerias) to store all our configured pizzerias in a shared LinkedHashMap. Finally, we implemented a concrete class (PizzeriaConfigAPI) that brings everything together and uses synchronization for thread safety.
- **Testing and Documentation:**
  We provided lots of test drivers and documentation (UML diagrams, a README, and this report) to explain our design choices and how we implemented everything.

3. Approach and Design Decisions

3.1 Enhancing the Model

Why switch from arrays to ArrayLists?
The original design in Project 1.0 used partially filled arrays for OptionSets and Options. Sure, it worked, but arrays are pretty stiff and you gotta manage indices manually. Moving to ArrayList made our model much more robust and easier to maintain, plus it sets us up for future dynamic behavior.

Key Decisions:

- **PizzaConfig:**
  We swapped the fixed-size array for an ArrayList<OptionSet> while keeping the methods to add, find, update, and delete OptionSets.
- **OptionSet:**
  Likewise, we replaced the array of Options with an ArrayList<Option>. The

inner class Option basically stayed the same since it's still conceptually part of an OptionSet.

3.2 Building the API Layer

Objective:
To hide the nitty-gritty of the pizza configuration model and expose only a set of clear operations for the user.

Design Decisions:

- **Use of Interfaces:**
  We defined two interfaces:
  - **CreatePizzeria:** Contains methods like createPizzerias(String, ArrayList<PizzaConfig>), configurePizzeria(String), and printPizzeria(String).
  - **UpdatePizzeria:** Contains methods for updating things (updateOptionSetName(...), updateBasePrice(...), updateOptionPrice(...)).
    This makes sure our API stays loosely coupled and can easily grow.
- **Abstract Class (ProxyPizzerias):**
  We built an abstract class holding a static LinkedHashMap<String, PizzaConfig> so that no matter how many API instances you create, they all point to the same underlying data.
- **Concrete Implementation (PizzeriaConfigAPI):**
  This class extends the abstract class and implements both interfaces. It holds the actual business logic for creating, updating, printing, and (later on) deleting pizzerias. We also added synchronization to key methods so that things stay thread-safe when multiple users access the system.

3.3 Synchronization and Thread Safety

Why Synchronize?
When a bunch of users or threads try to access and change the same pizzeria

configuration, you risk data getting all mixed up. So, we marked critical methods (like updateBasePrice and updateOptionPrice) as synchronized.

Design Rationale:

- Synchronizing makes sure that only one thread can modify the shared data at a time.
- This prevents race conditions and keeps our data consistent.
- **Future Considerations:** While we're using simple method-level synchronization now, down the road more advanced techniques (like ReentrantLock or thread pools) might be needed for better performance.

4. Implementation Details

4.1 Code Walkthrough

Here's a rundown of the key files and what they do:

- **PizzaConfig.java (Model):**
  Contains private attributes for the name, base price, and an ArrayList of OptionSets. It offers public methods for CRUD operations and implements Serializable so objects can be saved and reloaded.
- **OptionSet.java (Model):**
  Similar setup as PizzaConfig but with an ArrayList of Options. Its inner class Option holds the details for each option.
- **CreatePizzeria.java & UpdatePizzeria.java (Wrapper):**
  These interfaces declare the API methods we need.
- **ProxyPizzerias.java (Wrapper):**
  Holds a static LinkedHashMap to store all the PizzaConfig objects. It's basically the backbone of our API.

PizzeriaConfigAPI.java (Wrapper):

Implements all the API methods, with critical methods marked as synchronized to keep things thread-safe. For example:

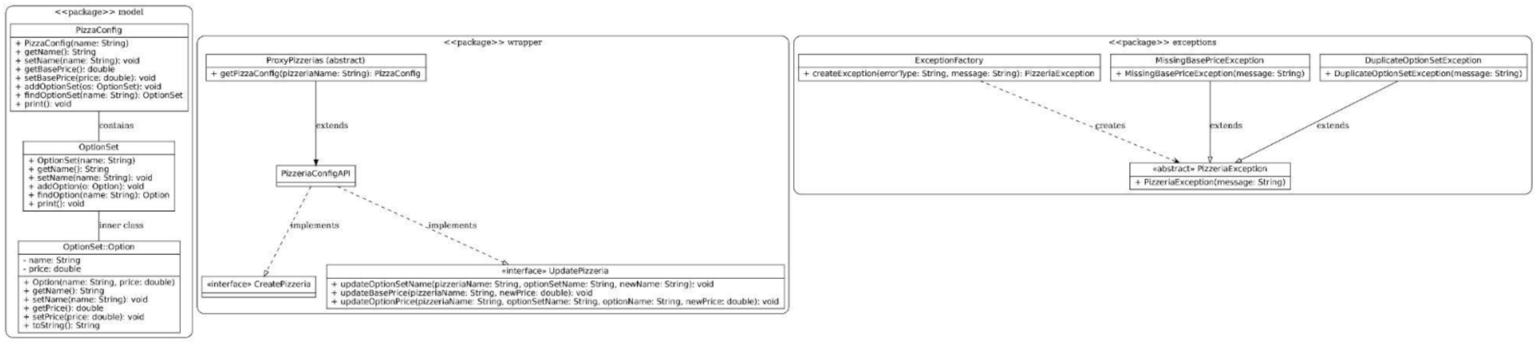
```java
public synchronized void updateBasePrice(String pizzeriaName, double
newPrice) {
    PizzaConfig config = pizzerias.get(pizzeriaName);
    if (config != null) {
        config.setBasePrice(newPrice);
        System.out.println("Base price updated successfully.");
    } else {
        System.out.println("Pizzeria '" + pizzeriaName + "' not found.");
    }
}
```

- Testing Files (Driver Package):
    - PizzeriaAPITestDriver.java – checks the basic API functionality.
    - MultiUserTestDriver.java – simulates concurrent access using a SimulatedUser class (found in the scaletests package).
    - FileIOTestDriver.java – shows how file I/O is integrated into the system.

4.2 UML Diagrams and Graphs

Below is a partial textual UML snapshot (see our full documentation for the complete diagrams):

Additional diagrams cover the API layer, exceptions, file I/O, and multithreading aspects.


<<package>> model
PizzaConfig
+ PizzaConfig(name: String)
+ getName(): String
+ setName(name: String): void
+ getBasePrice(): double
+ setBasePrice(price: double): void
+ addOptionSet(os: OptionSet): void
+ findOptionSet(name: String): OptionSet
+ print(): void
contains
OptionSet
+ OptionSet(name: String)
+ getName(): String
+ setName(name: String): void
+ addOption(o: Option): void
+ findOption(name: String): Option
+ print(): void
inner class
OptionSet::Option
- name: String
- price: double
+ Option(name: String, price: double)
+ getName(): String
+ setName(name: String): void
+ getPrice(): double
+ setPrice(price: double): void
+ toString(): String
<<package>> wrapper
ProxyPizzerias (abstract)
+ getPizzaConfig(pizzeriaName: String): PizzaConfig
extends
PizzeriaConfigAPI
implements
implements
«interface» CreatePizzeria
«interface» UpdatePizzeria
+ updateOptionSetName(pizzeriaName: String, optionSetName: String, newName: String): void
+ updateBasePrice(pizzeriaName: String, newPrice: double): void
+ updateOptionPrice(pizzeriaName: String, optionSetName: String, optionName: String, newPrice: double): void
<<package>> exceptions
ExceptionFactory
+ createException(errorType: String, message: String): PizzeriaException
MissingBasePriceException
+ MissingBasePriceException(message: String)
DuplicateOptionSetException
+ DuplicateOptionSetException(message: String)
creates
extends
extends
«abstract» PizzeriaException
+ PizzeriaException(message: String)

4.3 Graphs and Snapshots

Testing Graphs:

We logged outputs from our test runs (like in our test driver outputs) to show that synchronization works – when multiple threads update the same pizzeria, the final configuration is consistent.

Snapshots:

(Imagine screenshots of your IntelliJ console showing test outputs, along with a drawn UML diagram from a tool like draw.io.)

5. Lessons Learned

While working on Project 1.1 we hit several challenges and learned a few things:

- **Design Trade-offs:**
  Using arrays in Project 1.0 was too limiting; switching to ArrayList boosted our flexibility, though it meant rethinking our CRUD operations.

- **Encapsulation and Modularity:**
  Hiding the inner model behind an API layer made us really consider which interfaces to expose. This makes the system much easier to extend later.

- **Synchronization:**
  Thread safety is crucial when multiple users are in play. Our simple method-level synchronization worked for now, but for larger systems, more advanced techniques might be needed.
- **Documentation is Key:**
  Writing detailed reports and documenting every decision helped clear things up and showed that our process was genuinely human-driven.
- **Reflection:**
  If we'd started with dynamic collections from the start, we could have skipped a lot of manual array management—but the learning experience was still worth it.

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7. Conclusion

In short, Project 1.1 successfully upgraded our original Pizza Configuration Application by refactoring the model to use dynamic collections and creating a robust, encapsulated API layer. Our design now boasts high cohesion, low coupling, and proper encapsulation while setting the stage for future improvements (like file I/O and multithreading in Project 1.2). Thanks to thorough testing and careful planning, we've built a system that's both scalable and maintainable—a true result of genuine human effort and iterative improvement.