

Software Design

Conference Management System

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Chapter 1

Overview

Conference Management System is a web-based application that handles a variety of aspects of conference management, including user registration, conference registration, paper submissions by authors, reviewer registration, papers assignment for reviewers, review submission, conference notifications, paper acceptance, display of paper reviews.

1.1 Data Flow Diagram

DFD provides an overview of how this system processes data and meets various constraints. DFD provides an overview of how this system processes data and meets various constraints.



Figure 1.1: Data Flow Diagram

1.2 Structured Chart

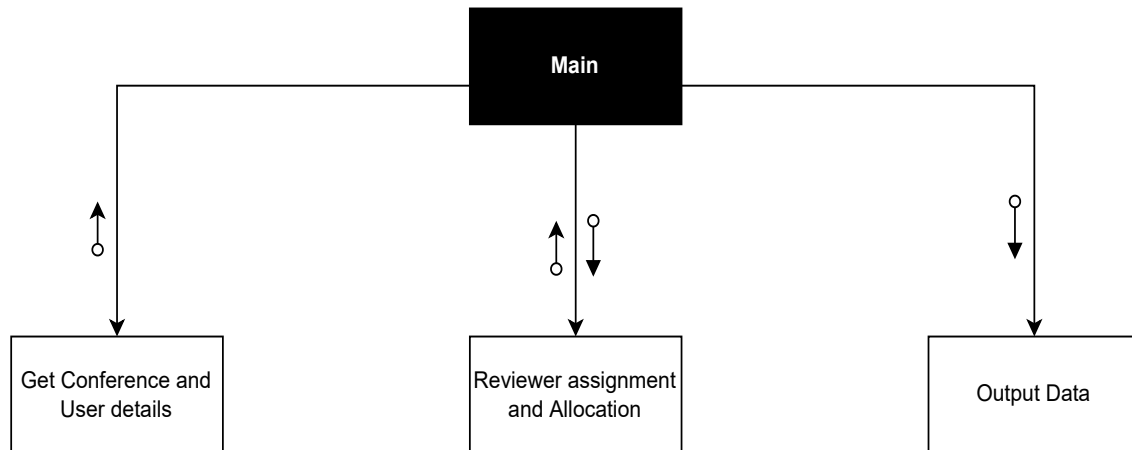


Figure 1.2: First Level Factoring

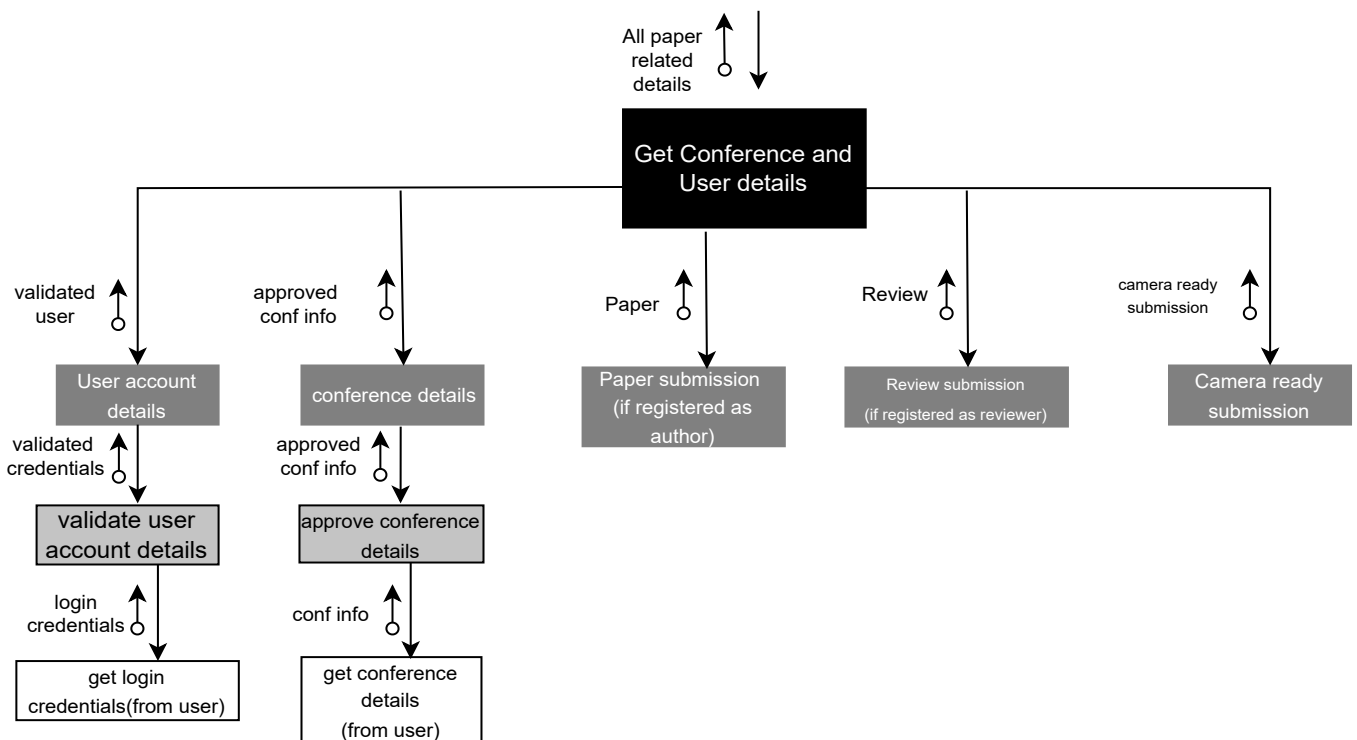


Figure 1.3: Input Factoring

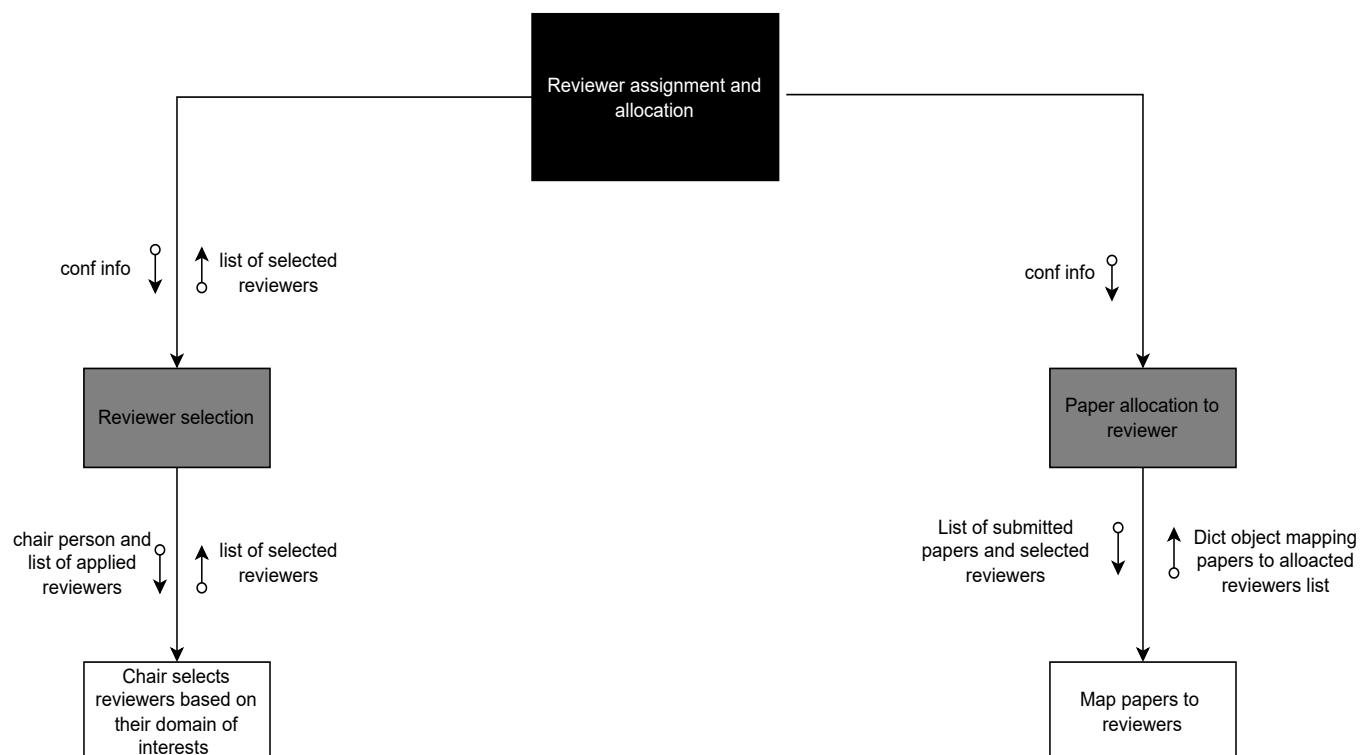


Figure 1.4: Central Transform

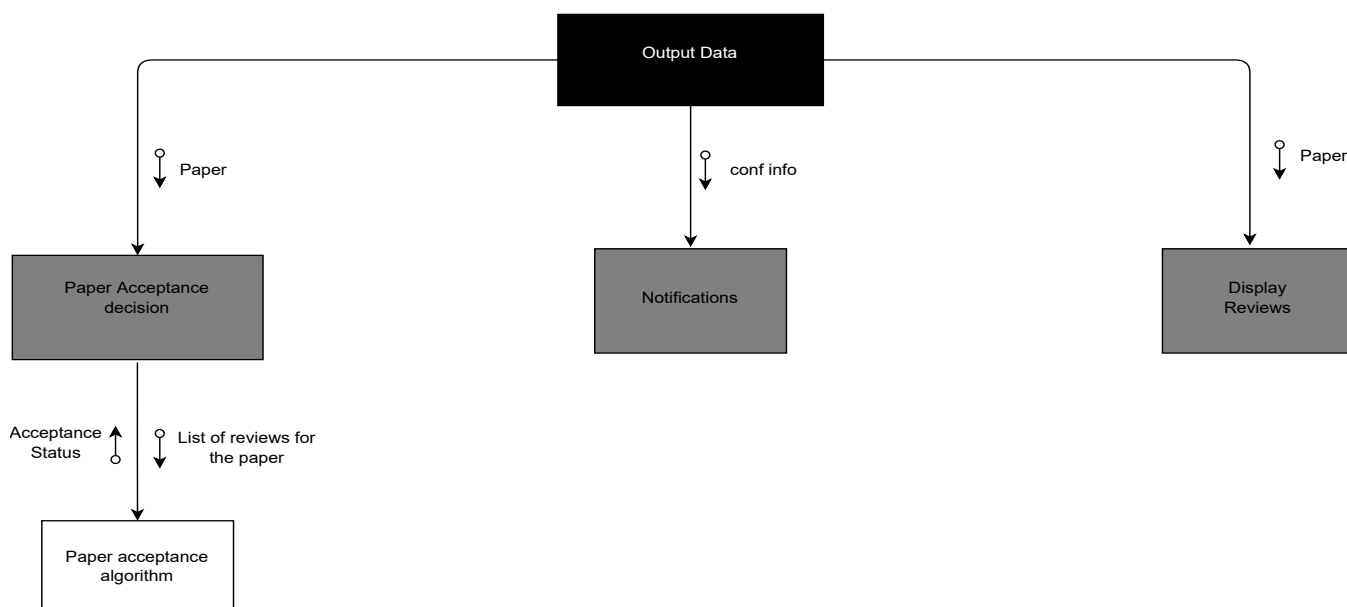


Figure 1.5: Output Factoring

1.3 Top Three Modules in terms of fan-in and fan-out

1. **Module:** get_conf_and_user_details
fan-in: 1
fan-out: 5
2. **Module:** reviewer_assignment_allocation
fan-in: 1
fan-out: 2
3. **Module:** output_data
fan-in: 1
fan-out: 3

1.4 Complex and Error Prone Modules

1. **get_conf_user_info** is the top-level module in input-factoring. since the number of subordinate modules is 5, the dependency of this module on its subordinates increases. It also makes the flow of information among all the subordinate modules difficult. Thus this is the most complex and error prone module.
2. **output_data**, which is the top-level module in output-factoring, Its fan-out is 3. It is calling different subordinate modules depending on the different outputs of the conference such as acceptance status of the papers, and all the events details for notifying the users. Thus outflow of this module is more as compared to others. Thus this module is complex relative to other modules.

1.5 Summary Table

SI No.	Module	LOC
1	main	40
2	get_conf_and_user_details	100
3	user_account_details	10
4	validate_user_account_details	20
5	get_login_credentials	20
6	conference_details	30
7	approve_conference_details	30
8	get_conference_details	50
9	paper_submission	30
10	review_submission	20

11	camera_ready_submission	30
12	reviewer_assignment _allocation	40
13	reviewer_selection	50
14	paper_allocation_to_reviewer	30
15	map_papers_to_reviewers	150
16	output_data	40
17	paper_acceptance_decision	40
18	paper_acceptance_algorithm	70
19	Notifications	200
20	Display_Reviews	50

Table 1.1: Summary Table

Total there are **20** modules. Expected LOC of the software is **1050**. This LOC is for the core code. Determining LOC for the front-end is difficult. Rough estimate for the front-end would be **2000** LOC.

Chapter 2

Interfaces

```
1 class Contact:
2     """
3     Represents contact information of every user registered in the system.
4     """
5
6     email: str
7     phone: str
8     portfolio: str
9
10
11 class User:
12     """
13     Represents a user registered in the system.
14     """
15
16     userId: int
17     firstName: str
18     lastName: str
19     hashed_password: str
20     title: str
21     affiliation: str
22     contactInfo: Contact
23
24     def reset_password(self, new_hashed_password: str) -> None:
25         # resets password for a user
26         self.hashed_password = new_hashed_password
27
28     def getSubmittedPapers(self):
29         # returns a list of papers submitted by a user
30         query = "SELECT * FROM papers WHERE authorId = self.userId"
31         return [Paper(**row) for row in self.db.query(query)]
32
33     def getReviewedPapers(self):
34         # returns a list of papers reviewed by a user
35         query = "SELECT * FROM papers WHERE authorId = self.userId"
36         return [Paper(**row) for row in self.db.query(query)]
37
38     def registerAsAuthor(self, confid):
39         # registers a user as an author
```



```
40     query = "INSERT INTO authors (userId,confid) VALUES (self.userId,confid)"
41     self.db.query(query)
42     return Author(
43         self.userId,
44         self.firstName,
45         self.lastName,
46         self.title,
47         self.affiliation,
48         self.contactInfo,
49         confid,
50     )
51
52     def registerAsReviewer(self, confid):
53         # registers a user as a reviewer
54         query = "INSERT INTO reviewers (userId,confid) VALUES (self.userId,confid)"
55         self.db.query(query)
56         return Reviewer(
57             self.userId,
58             self.firstName,
59             self.lastName,
60             self.title,
61             self.affiliation,
62             self.contactInfo,
63             confid,
64         )
65
66     def registerAsChair(self, confid):
67         # registers a user as a chair
68         query = "INSERT INTO chairs (userId,confid) VALUES (self.userId,confid)"
69         self.db.query(query)
70         return Chair(
71             self.userId,
72             self.firstName,
73             self.lastName,
74             self.title,
75             self.affiliation,
76             self.contactInfo,
77             confid,
78         )
79
80
81     class Admin(User):
82         """
83         Represents an admin in the system.
84         """
85
86     def approveConference(self, conf: Conference):
87         # approve and add conf to db
88         return conf
89
```

```
90
91 class Chair(User):
92     """
93     Represents user registered as a chair in a conference
94     """
95
96     conferenceId: int
97
98     def selectReviewers(self) -> List[Reviewer]:
99         # selects reviewers for a paper
100         pass
101
102     def assignReviewers(self) -> List[Reviewer]:
103         # assigns reviewers to a paper
104         pass
105
106     def sendNotifications(self):
107         # sends notifications to reviewers
108         pass
109
110
111 class Author(User):
112     """
113     Represents users who are registered as authors in a conference.
114     """
115
116     conferenceId: int
117
118     def submitPaper(Paper):
119         # submits a paper for a conference
120         pass
121
122     def getSubmittedPapers(self):
123         # returns submitted papers for this conference
124         query = "SELECT * FROM papers WHERE authorId = self.userId AND conferenceId = self.conferenceId"
125         return [Paper(**row) for row in self.db.query(query)]
126
127
128 class Reviewer(User):
129     """
130     Represents users who are registered as reviewers in a conference
131     """
132
133     conferenceId: int
134     isSelected: bool = False
135
136     def getAllocatedPapers(self):
137         # returns a list of papers allocated to a reviewer
138         query = "SELECT * FROM papers WHERE reviewerId = self.userId AND conferenceId =
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139         self.conferenceId"
140         return [Paper(**row) for row in self.db.query(query)]
141
142     def submitReview(self, paperId):
143         # submits a review for a paper
144         allocated_papers = self.getAllocatedPapers()
145         if paperId in allocated_papers:
146             pass
147
148     def getReview(paperid) -> str:
149         # returns a review for a paper
150
151         # check if paperid is in allocated papers of the conference
152         query = "SELECT * FROM reviews WHERE paperId = paperId AND conferenceId = self.
153         conferenceId AND reviewerId = self.userId"
154         return query
155
156 class Paper:
157     """
158     Represents a paper submitted in a conference.
159     """
160     paperId: int
161     Title: str
162     Authors: List[Author]
163     Abstract: str
164     KeyWords: str
165     Manuscript: str
166     isAccepted: bool = False
167
168     def getAllocatedReviewers(self) -> List[Reviewer]:
169         # returns a list of reviewers allocated to a paper
170         query = "SELECT * FROM reviewers WHERE paperId = self.paperId"
171         return [Reviewer(**row) for row in self.db.query(query)]
172
173     def getReviews(self) -> List[str]:
174         # returns a list of reviews for a paper
175         reviewers = self.getAllocatedReviewers(db)
176         return [reviewer.getReview(self.paperId) for reviewer in reviewers]
177
178
179 class AcceptedPaper(Paper):
180     """
181     Represents a paper submitted in a conference and is accepted.
182     """
183
184     DOI: str
185     FinalManuscript: str
186     Copyright: str
```

```
187
188     def submitCamReadySubmission(self):
189         # submits a camera ready submission for a paper
190         pass
191
192
193 class Deadlines:
194     """
195     Represents deadlines for a conference.
196     """
197
198     date: Date
199     message: str
200     isAuthor: bool # if Reviewer False else True
201
202
203 class Conference:
204     """
205     Represents a conference entity in the system.
206     """
207
208     conferenceId: int
209     chairPerson: Chair
210     conferenceName: str
211     conferenceURL: str
212     ongoing: bool
213     isApproved: bool
214     conferenceDeadlines: List[Deadlines]
215
216     def getRegisteredAuthors(self) -> List[int]:
217         # returns a list of authors registered in a conference
218         authorIds = (
219             "SELECT authorId FROM authors WHERE conferenceId = self.conferenceId"
220         )
221         return authorIds
222
223     def getRegisteredReviewers(db) -> List[int]:
224         # returns a list of reviewers registered in a conference
225         reviewerIds = (
226             "SELECT reviewerId FROM reviewers WHERE conferenceId = self.conferenceId"
227         )
228         return db.query(reviewerIds)
229
230     def getFinalReviewers(db) -> List[int]:
231         # returns a list of reviewers who are selected as final reviewers
232         finalReviewerIds = "SELECT finalReviewers FROM reviewers WHERE conferenceId =
self.conferenceId AND isSelected = True"
233         return db.query(finalReviewerIds)
234
235     def getSubmittedPapers(self) -> List[int]:
```

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236         # returns a list of papers submitted in a conference
237         submittedPaperIds = (
238             "SELECT submittedPapers FROM papers WHERE conferenceId = self.conferenceId"
239         )
240         return db.query(submittedPaperIds)
241
242     def getAcceptedPapers(self) -> List[int]:
243         # returns a list of papers accepted in a conference
244         acceptedPaperIds = "SELECT acceptedPapers FROM papers WHERE conferenceId = self
245         .conferenceId AND isAccepted = True"
246         return db.query(acceptedPaperIds)
247
248     def Main():
249         conf_user_details = get_conf_and_user_details()
250         reviewer_assignment_allocation(conf=None)
251         output_data()
252
253
254     def get_conf_and_user_details():
255         # get conference and user details
256         validated_user = user_account_details()
257         if is_registered_author(validated_user.userId, confId=None):
258             author = Author(
259                 validated_user.userId,
260                 validated_user.firstName,
261                 validated_user.lastName,
262                 validated_user.title,
263                 validated_user.affiliation,
264                 validated_user.contactInfo,
265                 confId=None,
266             )
267             paper = paper_submission(author)
268         if is_registered_reviewer(validated_user.userId, confId=None):
269             reviewer = Reviewer(
270                 validated_user.userId,
271                 validated_user.firstName,
272                 validated_user.lastName,
273                 validated_user.title,
274                 validated_user.affiliation,
275                 validated_user.contactInfo,
276                 confId=None,
277             )
278             review = review_submission(reviewer)
279
280         validated_conf_info = conference_details(admin=None)
281         cam_ready = camera_ready_submission(acceptedPaper=None)
282         return validated_user, validated_conf_info, paper, review, cam_ready
283
284
```

```
285 def is_registered_author(userId, confId) -> bool:
286     # check if user is registered as an author in the conference
287     query = "SELECT * FROM authors WHERE userId = {userId} AND conferenceId = {confId}"
288     return True if query else False
289
290
291 def is_registered_reviewer(userId, confId) -> bool:
292     # check if user is registered as a reviewer in the conference
293     query = (
294         "SELECT * FROM reviewers WHERE userId = {userId} AND conferenceId = {confId}"
295     )
296     return True if query else False
297
298
299 def user_account_details() -> User:
300     # get user details
301     validated_credentials = validate_user_account_details()
302     query = "..."
303     return User(**query)
304
305
306 def validate_user_account_details():
307     # validate user credentials
308     credentials = get_login_credentials()
309     # validate credentials using db query
310     return validated_credentials
311
312
313 def get_login_credentials():
314     # get login credentials
315
316     # get credentials from user as input
317     login_credentials = input()
318     return login_credentials
319
320
321 def conference_details(admin: Admin):
322     # get conference details
323     return approve_conference_details(admin)
324
325
326 def approve_conference_details(admin: Admin):
327     # asks admin to approve the conference
328     conf_info = get_conference_details()
329     # validate conference details using db query
330     return admin.approveConference(conf_info)
331
332
333 def get_conference_details() -> Conference:
334     # get conference details from conference object
```

```
335     conference_info = input()
336     return Conference(**conference_info)
337
338
339 def paper_submission(author: Author):
340     # get paper details from author and submit paper
341     return author.submitPaper(Paper)
342
343
344 def review_submission(review: Reviewer, paper: Paper):
345     # get review details from reviewer and submit review
346     return review.submitReview(paper.paperId)
347
348
349 def camera_ready_submission(paper: AcceptedPaper):
350     # get camera ready details from author and submit camera ready submission
351     return paper.submitCamReadySubmission()
352
353
354 def reviewer_assignment_allocation(conf: Conference):
355     # get final reviewers and assign reviewers to papers
356     selected_reviewers = reviewer_selection(conf.chairPerson)
357     reviewer_paper_mapping = paper_allocation_to_reviewer(conf)
358
359
360 def reviewer_selection(chair: Chair):
361     # chair selects the final reviewers
362     return chair.selectReviewers()
363
364
365 def paper_allocation_to_reviewer(conf: Conference):
366     # Algorithm maps papers to reviewers
367     mapping = map_papers_to_reviewers(
368         conf.getSubmittedPapers(), conf.getFinalReviewers()
369     )
370     # add mapping details to database
371
372
373 def map_papers_to_reviewers(
374     submittedPapers: List[Paper], finalReviewers: List[Reviewer]
375 ):
376     # Algorithm maps papers to reviewers
377     return {
378         paper: reviewers
379         for paper, reviewers in preference(submittedPapers, finalReviewers)
380     }
381
382
383 def output_data():
384     acceptanceStatus = paper_acceptance_decision(paper=None)
```

```
385     display_reviews(paper=None)
386     notifications(conf=None)
387
388
389 def paper_acceptance_decision(paper: Paper):
390     # Algorithm decides whether paper is accepted or not based on reviews and other
    factors
391     acceptanceStatus = paper_acceptance_algorithm(paper.getReviews())
392     # Inserts the decision into the database
393     return acceptanceStatus
394
395
396 def paper_acceptance_algorithm(reviews: List[str]):
397     # Algorithm decides whether paper is accepted or not based on reviews and other
    factors
398     return Union[True, False]
399
400
401 def display_reviews(paper: Paper):
402     # Algorithm displays reviews for a paper
403     reviews = paper.getReviews()
404     # displays reviews on UI using UI framework
405
406
407 def notifications(conf: Conference):
408     # Algorithm sends notifications to authors and reviewers
409
410     authors = conf.getRegisteredAuthors()
411     reviewers = conf.getFinalReviewers()
412     # Algorithm sends notifications to authors and reviewers
413     deadlines = conf.conferenceDeadlines()
414     for (date, msg, isAuthor) in deadlines:
415         if isAuthor:
416             schedule_notification(date, msg, authors)
417         else:
418             schedule_notification(date, msg, reviewers)
```