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Design Document

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document presents the architecture on which myTaxiService will be developed; it describes the decisions taken during the design process and justifies them. The whole design process is described including also the improvements and modifications to provide additional valuable informations in case of future changes of the architecture structure.

1.2 Scope

Accordingly to the definition of the architecture design this document will focus on the non functional requirements of myTaxiService. Since the system architecture defines constraints on the implementation this document will be used to provide fundamental guidelines in the development phase of myTaxiService.

The system architecture will be organized in three categories corresponding to the functionalities of the different users: passengers, drivers and administrator.

• Passengers

The system allows the user to sign up, login, request or reserve a taxi with the customization of the ride.

• Taxi drivers

The system allows the user to login, set the "availability" and accept or reject jobs.

• Administrator

The system allows the user to login, manage the drivers' list and supervise the system itself.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

The following acronyms are used in this document:

- JEE: Java Enterprise Edition
- RASD: Requirements Analysis and Specification Document
- ER: Entity Relationship
- EIS: Enterprise Information System

The following definitions are used in this document:

1.4 Reference Documents

- Specification document: myTaxiService project
- Template for the Design Document
- IEEE Std 1016-2009 IEEE Standard on Design Descriptions
- Requirements Analysis and Specification Document for my TaxiService

1.5 Document Structure

This document specifies the architecture of the system using different levels of detail. It also describes the architectural decisions and justifies them. The design is developed in a top-down way, then the document reflects this approach. The document is organized in the following sections:

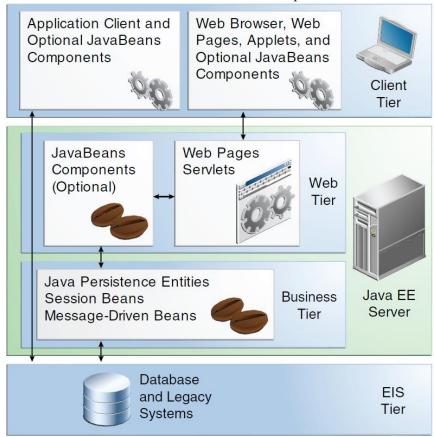
- 1. Introduction
 Provides a synopsis of the architectural descriptions.
- 2. Architectural design
- 3. Algorithm design
- 4. User interface design
- 5. Requirements traceability
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2 Architectural Design

2.1 Overview

This section of the design document provides a general description of the design of the system and its processes; it includes the general design context, the general approach and describes the overall design.

JEE has a "four-tier" architecture divided as shown in the picture below:



1. Client Tier: contains Application Clients and Web Browsers and it is the layer designed to interact directly with the actors. *myTaxiService* is a web and mobile application, then the client will use a web browser or a smartphone to access the pages.

- 2. Web Tier: contains the Servlets and Dynamic Web Pages that need to be elaborated. This tier receives the requests from the client tier and forwards the pieces of data collected to the business tier waiting for processed data to be sent to the client tier, eventually formatted.
- 3. Business Tier: contains the Java Beans, which contain the business logic of the application, and Java Persistence Entities.
- 4. **EIS Tier**: contains the data source. In our case, it is the database allowed to store all the relevant data and to retrieve them.

When the second and third tier are considered together the architecture becomes a "three-tier" with *client tier*, business logic tier and persistence tier.

To design the system a top-down approach is used. After the identification of the main three layers, the system is decomposed in components that capture subsets of related functionalities. For each component is specified the role in the architecture and its interactions with the rest of the system.

2.2 High level components and their interaction

2.2.1 Identifying sub-systems

The functionalities of my TaxiService are divided into these functional areas:

• myTaxiService

This component describes the system that is going to be developed.

• Users

This component represents all the users that will use the service.

• Notification service

This component represents the notification mechanism that the system will use (text-messages, emails and push notifications).

• Payment service

This component represents the external service in charge of managing the payments.

• Third party apps

This component represents generally the external apps that can possibly connect to the system via our public web APIs.

Users

Notification service

myTaxiService

Third party apps

The following schema shows the above-mentioned components and their interaction.

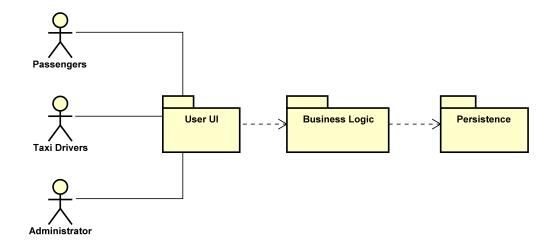
The "notification service", "payment service" and "third party apps" are external components that are not part of the myTaxiService system, therefore they will not be discussed.

2.2.2 General Package design

Considering the three-tier view of the architecture three packages are identified:

- User UI: this package is in charge of interacting with the user; it receives the user requests, sends these to the business logic package, obtains the information needed from the latter and displays them to the user accordingly. In general the package contains the user interfaces.
- Business logic: this package is in charge of receiving and processing the User UI's package requests, accessing the Persistence package when needed and sending a response accordingly.
- Persistence: this package is in charge of managing the data requests from the Business logic package.

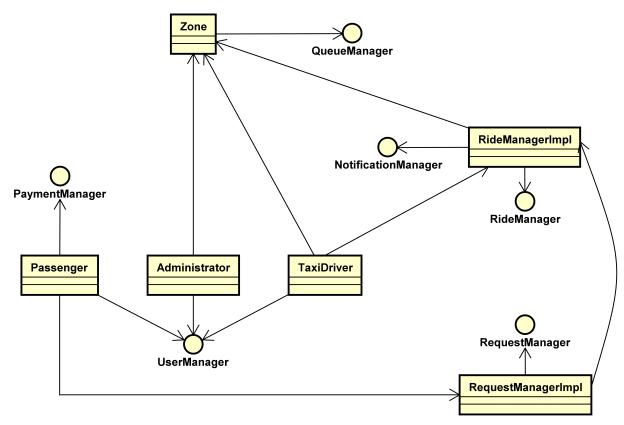
The main users: Administrator, passengers and taxi drivers directly access the User UI package but cannot see the other packages, as shown in the picture below.



2.3 Component view

2.3.1 Design Level Model

The picture below represents the main components and interfaces of myTaxiService.



From the diagram above it is evident that:

- ⇒ The "UserManager" interface contains all the information related the every user and his/her profile; it also offers the various "login", "sign-up", "changePassword", "changeNotificationType" methods. It also enables the administrator to manage the drivers list.
- \Rightarrow The "PaymentManager" is the interface in charge of exchanging the information about the transaction with the payment service provider.

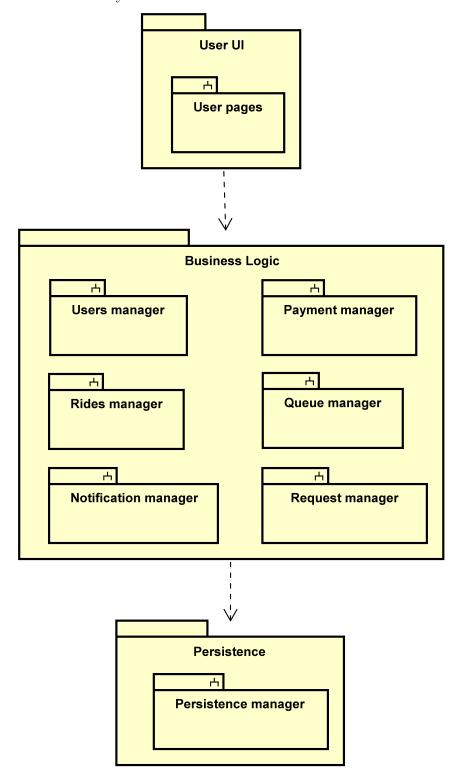
- ⇒ The passenger is able to make a request or reservation through the interface "Request-Manager" that is in charge of receiving a complete and customized ride request.
- ⇒ The "RideManager" interface communicates with the "RequestManager" to prepare the physical ride; it communicates with the "QueueManager" interface to be able to select to which taxi the jobs are proposed and with the "NotificationManager" to notify all the users involved in ride.
- ⇒ The "QueueManager" interface is accompanied by a "Zone" class to control the sections of the city and their queue of available taxis.
- \Rightarrow The three types of users are represented by three respective classes with the same name: "Passenger", "TaxiDriver" and "Administrator".
- \Rightarrow The "RequestManagerImpl" and "RideManagerImpl" classes accompany their respective interfaces and keep track of the history of rides and request for every users.
- \Rightarrow The connection between the "Administrator" and the "Zone" class enables the administrator to supervise the situation of all the queues in real-time.
- ⇒ The connection between the "TaxiDriver" and the "Zone" and "RideManagerImpl" classes enables the system to keep track of the availability of the taxi drivers and allows the drivers to accept or reject job proposals.

2.3.2 Detailed Package Design

The inner packages are described as follows:

- User UI: this set of sub-packages is responsible for encapsulating the user's actions and forwarding information requests to the Business Logic sub-packages.
- Business logic: this set of sub-packages is responsible for handling requests from the User UI package, processing them and sending back a response. These packages may access the Persistence package.
- Persistence: this set of sub-packages contains the data model for the system. It accepts requests from the Business Logic package.

A more detailed view of the system:



- 2.4 Deployment view
- 2.5 Runtime view
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