Criterion C – Development

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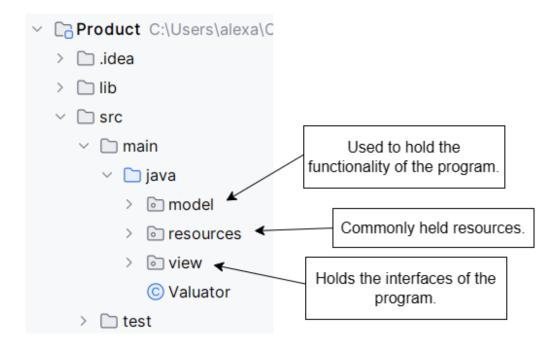
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Program Structure

Packages

The program is organized into packages for easier maintainability, the main packages being: "model", "resources," and "view."



Screenshot 1 Program structure.

Object-Oriented Programming

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)¹ is a method of programming that takes problems, such as simulating real world entities such as, in my use cases, companies and users, and breaks them down into smaller tasks and representations using code². I hate utilizing OOP in my program to model the relationship more easily between users and companies, and companies and their data.

Code 1 Object-Oriented Programming.

```
Class acts as the
                           structure for the
                         object to be created.
                       * Represents a company with name, description, country, and financial statistics.
                       ≛ Alexandros Lekkas
                       public class Company {
                           // Logger.
                                                                                                                              When object is
                          22 usages
                                                                                                                            created it has these
                                                                                                                                 attributes.
                          private static final Logger logger = Logger.getLogger(Company.class.getName());
                           // Next Company in CompanyList.
                           2 usages
                          private Company next = null;
                                                                                                                          Attributes are in the
The "private" access
                                                                                                                                class.
                           // Company File.
modifier is used for
     securiry.
                           private File file;
                           // File path to the Company.
                           private final String filePath;
```

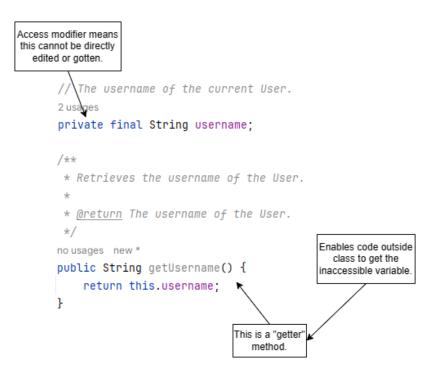
¹ (Gillis, n.d.)

² (Liang, 2017)

Encapsulation

Encapsulation³ refers to the building of data with the mechanisms that operate the data. This means advanced data security, meaning that we can define how different classes or users of the program are allowed to access certain pieces of data.

Code 2 Encapsulation.



Aggregation

To represent the complex relationships contained in my program, I used aggregation⁴, where one class has a 'has' relationship with another. What this means is that one class contains an object of another class.

^{3 (}S, 2023)

⁴ (Aggregation in Java, n.d.)

Code 3 Aggregation.



Method Overloading

Method overloading⁵ is a feature in Java is a feature allowing for a class to have more than one method with the same name but with different attributes. In my program, I used this for creating a Company object in different scenarios.

Code 4 Method overloading.

⁵ (Java Method Overloading, n.d.)

Error Handling

Using Try/Catch

Try/Catch is a convenient functionality of Java⁶, where if there is an error during the running of the program, if the "catch" implementation is there, the program will not fail. Instead, we can create a way for the program to respond to the error (this is used to fulfill success criterion 3).

Code 5 Try/catch error handling.



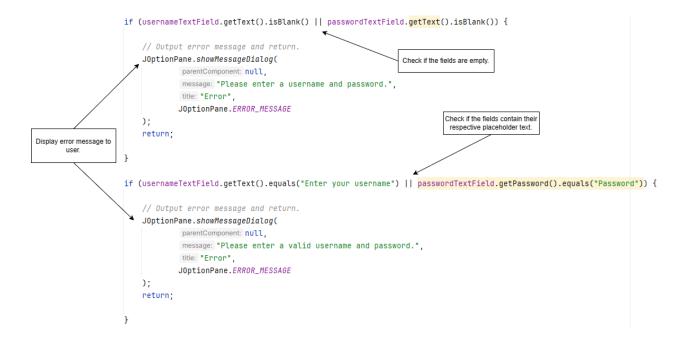
⁶ (Java Exceptions - Try...Catch, n.d.)

User Input Validation

Registration/Login

During login and registration, the user inputs their username and password, we validate if they are blank or equal to the placeholder text using if statements (this technique was used to satisfy success criterion 3).

Code 6 Registration/login input validation.



Company Addition

When adding a Company from a file, the file selected by the user is checked to see if it is a CSV file⁷ (this technique was used to satisfy success criterion 3).

⁷ (Comma Separated Values (CSV) Standard File Format, n.d.)

Code 7 Company file checking.

```
File selectedFile = companyFileChooser.getSelectedFile();

// Check if the file has a .csv extension.

if (selectedFile.getName().toLowerCase().endsWith(*.csv*)) {

// Add to the company.

model.CompanyList companyList = user.getCompanyList(); // Retrieve the list of companies.

company = new model.Company(selectedFile.getAbsolutePath());

companyList.add(company); // Add the company to the company list.

companyList.save();

createCompanyButtons();

Please select a CSV file.*, little: "Invalid File Type", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

}

**The selected file is not a CSV file.**

JOptionPane.showMessageDialog( parentComponent this, message: "Please select a CSV file.**, little: "Invalid File Type", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

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```

Use of Files

Authentication

For storing the data of authenticated users, I implemented a RandomAccessFile⁸. A random-access file is a file which "behaves like a large array of bytes stored in a file system." I used this file for my user authentication system. I use the Random-Access File because it is easy to create it when the program is run, and it has improved efficiency in CRUD operations⁹. In this file, I store data in an expected structure of a string paired with another string to represent the username and password.

Code 8 RandomAccessFile.

^{8 (}Oracle, 2024)

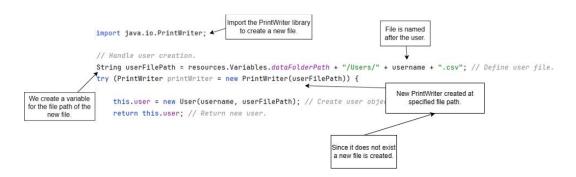
⁹ (Debnath, 2021)

User

Creating User File

When a new user creates an account, we create a new CSV file to hold which companies belong to them—named after their username, aimed towards fulfilling criterion 1.

Code 9 Creating User file.



Retrieving User's Companies

To be able to generate the dashboard interface with the correct companies belonging to the user showing the program must first load the company files the user has.

Code 10 Retrieving companies for the user.

```
public CompanyList(String filePath) {
            // Create the linked list of Company objects
                                                               Initialises the new
Linked List of
            this.head = null: ←
                                                              Company objects for the user.
           this.filePath = filePath;
            // Loop through user file and create and add Company objects.
                                                                                       Loop through 
company file and
                 // Use a Scanner object to read the first line in the file.
                Scanner scanner = new Scanner(new File(this.filePath));
                                                                                       create Company
                String line = scanner.nextLine();
                                                                                          objects
                String[] companyFileNames = line.split( regex ",");
                // Loop through the line, creating a new Company object for each file location written.
                for (String companyFileName : companyFileNames) { *
                     if (companyFileName.toLowerCase().endsWith(".csv")) { // If the file is a CSV file...
                         // Create a new Company object and add it to the linked list.
                        Company company = new Company( filePath: resources.Variables.dataFolderPath + */Companies/* + companyFileName);
                         this.add(company); _
                                                              Finally, add the
Company to the
Linked List.
New company object if file name is
         CSV file.
```

Company

Each company has their data stored in a CSV file, a text file format that uses commas to separate values¹⁰. Acting somewhat as a table, this file is useful as it can be opened and modified in programs like Microsoft Excel¹¹, a program used frequently by the client, hence, why the file format was chosen. This fulfills success criterion 2.

Structure

The file was broken into two sections using headers, details, and statistics. The details section holds basic information about the company (such as its name, description, and country), while the statistics section holds different revenues and costs as well as the associated data with each.

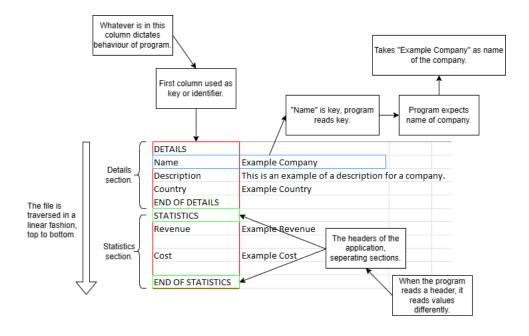


Figure 1 Company CSV file structure.

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^{10 (}Working with CSV files, n.d.)

¹¹ (Microsoft, n.d.)

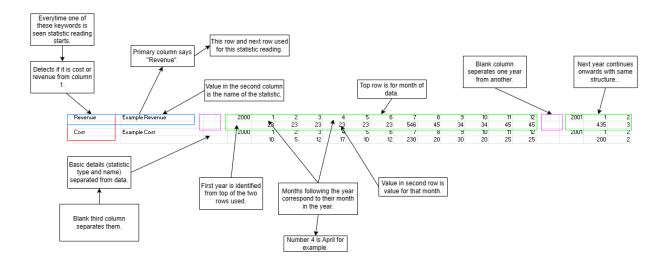


Figure 2 Statistic section and data structure.

Retrieving Company Data

The use of CSV files for storing dynamic company data leads to complicated file loading and sorting. When checking for the data of a company the program looks for specific headers within the file, such as "DETAILS" and "STATISTICS".

Code 11 Reading company details method code.

```
Create a new BufferedReader to read the file.

private void readCompanyDetails() {

try (BufferedReader bufferedReader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filePath))) {

String line;

while ((line = bufferedReader.readLine()) != null) { processLine(line); }

Loop through the file processing each line.
```

Code 12 Checking for the statistics header code.

```
Loop through the file.

// Find where the tatistics data begins in the file.

found = false;
while (!found) { // Loop through the file until statistics data is found...

String[] currentLine = bufferedReader.readLine().split(regex: ",");

try {

// Check if the current line is equal to "STATISTICS".

if (currentLine[0].equals("STATISTICS")) { // If the current line contains "STATISTICS"...

found = true;

}

If start of statistic section is found we save some details.
```

Code 13 Adding statistics from file.

```
private void addStatistic(String[] currentLine) {

if (currentLine[0].equalsIgnoreCase( anotherString: "REVENUE")) {

revenues.add(new Statistic(currentLine[1], this.filePath));

else if (currentLine[0].equalsIgnoreCase( anotherString: "COST")) {

costs.add(new Statistic(currentLine[1], this.filePath));

}
```

Code 14 Starting to read Statistic data code.

```
Method is used to read data for statistic.

public void readData() {

logger.info( msg: "Reading Data for Statistic " + this.name + ".");

try {

FileReader fileReader = new FileReader(this.filePath);

BufferedReader bufferedReader = new BufferedReader(fileReader);

findStatisticInFile(bufferedReader);

Calls method to find statistic within file
```

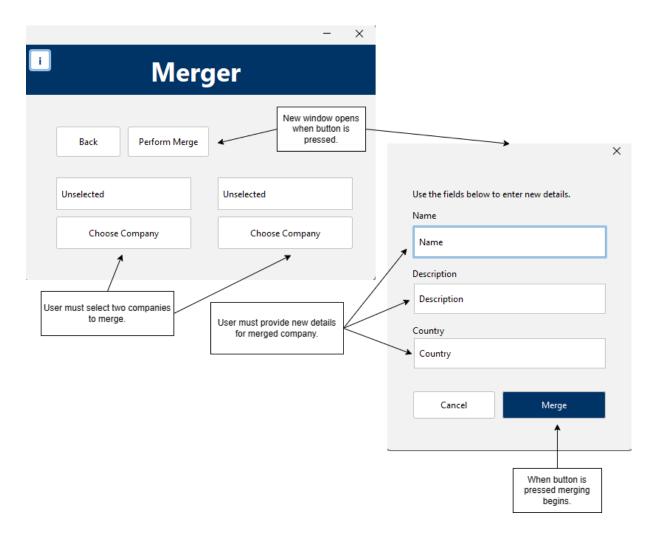
Code 15 Searching for Statistic data code.

```
Method processes two
                                             statistic lines.
private void processDataLines(String[] currentLine, String[] nextLine) {
    int \underline{i} = 3;
    while (i < currentLine.length && !currentLine[i].isEmpty()) {
        int year = Integer.parseInt(currentLine[i]);
        int j = 4;
        processYearData(currentLine, nextLine, i, j, year);
        <u>i</u> += 14;
    }
                                        This method processes one
                                             year's data.
private void processYearData(String[] currentLine, String[] nextLine, int i, int j, int year) {
    try {
        while (j < currentLine.length && Integer.parseInt(currentLine[j]) <= 12) {</pre>
            int value = (int) Double.parseDouble(nextLine[j]);
            data.add(new Data(year, Integer.parseInt(currentLine[j]), value));
             logger.info(data.toString());
                                                                                       Loop through year's data
             j++;
                                                                                       and add to Statistic data.
```

Functionality

Company Merging (ArrayList of Objects¹², For Each Loop¹³ & Comparator¹⁴)

This feature was implemented to address success criterion 11.



Screenshot 2 Company merging flow.

¹² (Lawrence University, n.d.)

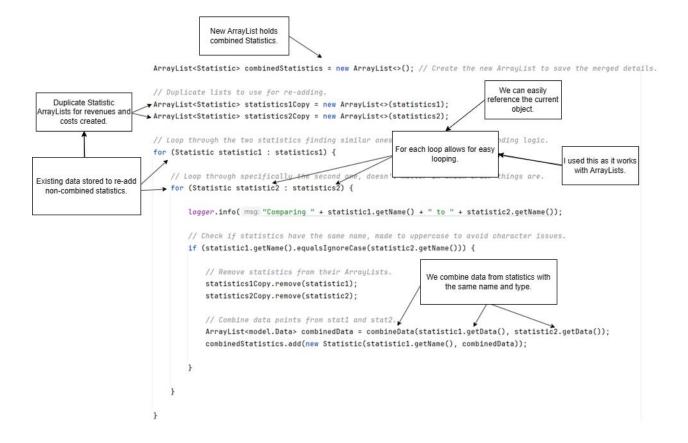
^{13 (}GeeksforGeeks, 2023)

^{14 (}Oracle, 2024)

Code 17 Merge companies method code snippet.

```
public void mergeCompanies(Company company1, Company company2, String name, String description, String country) {
                String filePath = resources.Variables.datαFolderPath + "/Companies/" + name + ".csv";
                File file = new File(filePath); // Create a new file from the file path that is common to companies.
                try (BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(file, append: true))) {
Creates a new file to
                    // Write down the company details to file.
 store data for the
                    logger.info( msg: "Writing details to new File.");
merged Company.
                    writer.write( str: "DETAILS\n");
                    writer.write( str: "Name," + name + "\n");
                    writer.write( str: "Description," + description + "\n");
                    writer.write( str: "Country," + country + "\n");
                                                                                                  Write all the
                                                                                                 basic Company
                    writer.write( str: "END OF DETAILS\n");
                                                                                                 details to file.
```

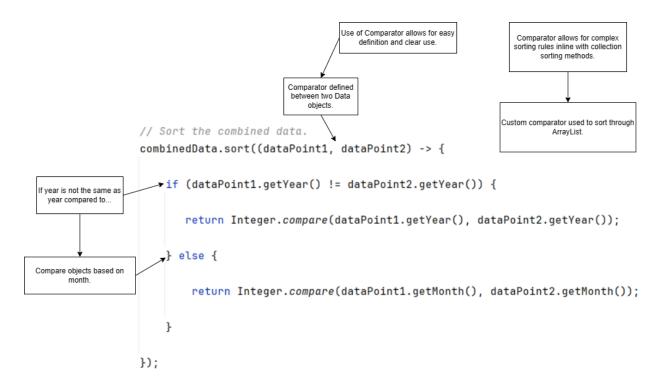
Code 18 Combination of statistics code snippet.



Code 19 Combination of data.

```
Same reasons as
                                                           Used for each loops.
                                                                                              previously explained
                                                                                              (see previous Code)
// Loop through the data and check if data points are existing.
for (model.Data dataPoint1 : data1) {
    System.out.println(dataPoint1.toString());
    // Loop through specifically second data here, order does not matter.
    for (model.Data dataPoint2 : data2) {
        System.out.println(dataPoint2.toString());
        // If they have the same data of data then...
        if (dataPoint1.getYear() == dataPoint2.getYear() && dataPoint1.getMonth() == dataPoint2.getMonth()) {
             // Remove the data values.
                                                                                                     We can reference the
             data1copy.remove(dataPoint1); 
                                                            Using ArrayList of objects allows
                                                                                                        object with the
            data2copy.remove(dataPoint2);
                                                              for easy list object removal.
                                                                                                       ".remove" method.
             combinedData.add(new model.Data(dataPoint1.getYear(), dataPoint1.getMonth(), (dataPoint1.getValue() + dataPoint2.getValue())));
       Add the new combined
         data point to the combined data.
```

Code 20 Sorting of combined Data objects using a Comparator.



Company Valuation (ArrayList of Objects, For Each Loop, For Loop¹⁵)

The ability to predict the value of a company was added in response to success criterion 9.

This also addresses criterion 10, as the code snippets can be used to predict the value of a company over varying timespans, meaning, that the user can input a different number of years to predict for.

Data Extrapolation

Code 21 All data extrapolation.

```
private ArrayList<Data> extrapolateAllData(ArrayList<Statistic> statistics, int yearsToExtrapolate) {
    logger.info( msg: "Extrapolating all data.");
                                                                    New ArrayList to hold old
                                                                     and new data created.
    ArrayList<Data> combinedData = new ArrayList<>(); *
    for (Statistic statistic : statistics) {
        logger.info( msg: "Statistic: " + statistic.getData());
        logger.info( msg: "Data before: " + statistic.getData());
        ArrayList<Data> extrapolatedData = statistic.extrapolateData(yearsToExtrapolate);
        combinedData.addAll(extrapolatedData);
        logger.info( msg: "Data after: " + extrapolatedData);
                                                                                   Extrapolate the data for
                                                                                    each statistic in the
        logger.info( msg: "Combined data size: " + combinedData.size());
                                                                                   ArrayList of statistics.
   }
    return combinedData;
```

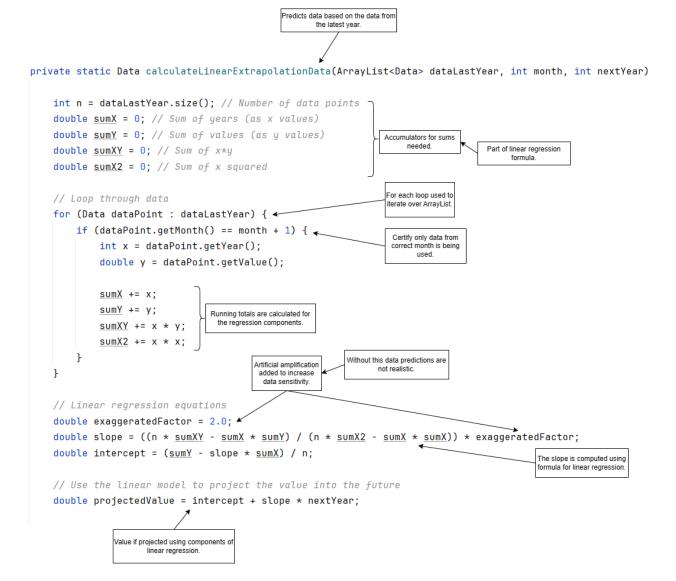
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¹⁵ (Simplilearn, 2022)

Code 22 Data extrapolation.

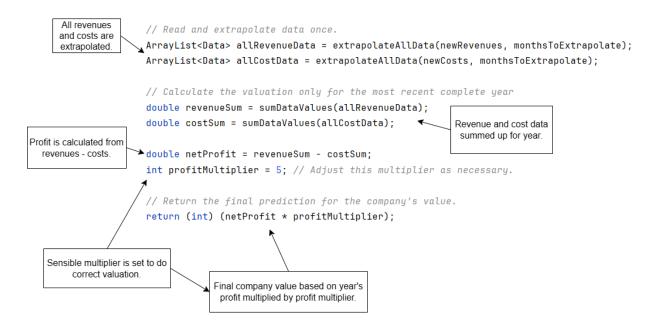
```
public ArrayList<Data> extrapolateData(int yearsToExtrapolate) {
    readData(); // Read Data from Statistic. ←
                                                                     data just to be sure.
    // Get Data for the latest year of the Statistic.
    ArrayList<Data> dataLastYear = new ArrayList<>(data.subList(data.size() - 12, data.size()));
    if (yearsToExtrapolate == 0) {
         return dataLastYear;
                                                       Sublist of data for full last
                                                            year created.
    }
    ArrayList<Data> extrapolatedData = new ArrayList<>(dataLastYear);
    int lastYear = data.get(data.size() - 1).getYear(); // Get the latest year.
    logger.info( msg: "Last year: " + lastYear);
    // Loop through for every year.
    for (int \underline{i} = 0; \underline{i} < yearsToExtrapolate; \underline{i}++) {
         // Add 12 data points for every year.
                                                                       Use linear extrapolation to
                                                                    extrapolate the current data point.
         for (int month = 0; month < 12; month ++) {
              // Extrapolate a new data point, based on data from the last 12 months in the extrapolated data
               \texttt{Data newDataPoint = } \textit{calculateLinearExtrapolationData} (\texttt{extrapolatedData}, \ \underline{\texttt{month}}, \ \ \underline{\texttt{nextYear: }} \ \underline{\texttt{lastYear}} + \underline{\textbf{i}}); 
              extrapolatedData.add(newDataPoint);
         }
```

Code 23 Extrapolation of data points using linear regression calculations.



Final Calculation

Code 24 Final value calculation.

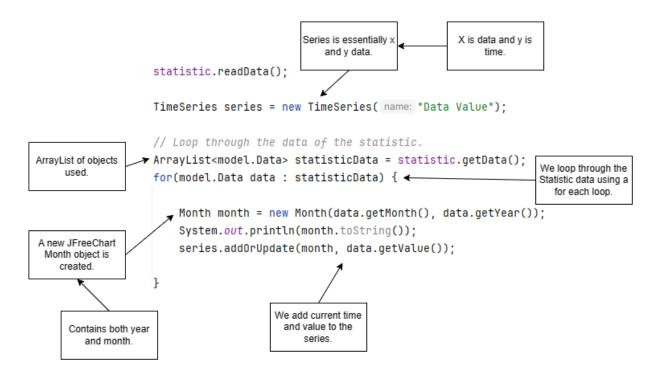


Statistic Graphing (ArrayList of Objects, For Each Loop)

Statistics are graphed using the JFreeChart library¹⁶. This feature aims to fulfill success criterion 7.

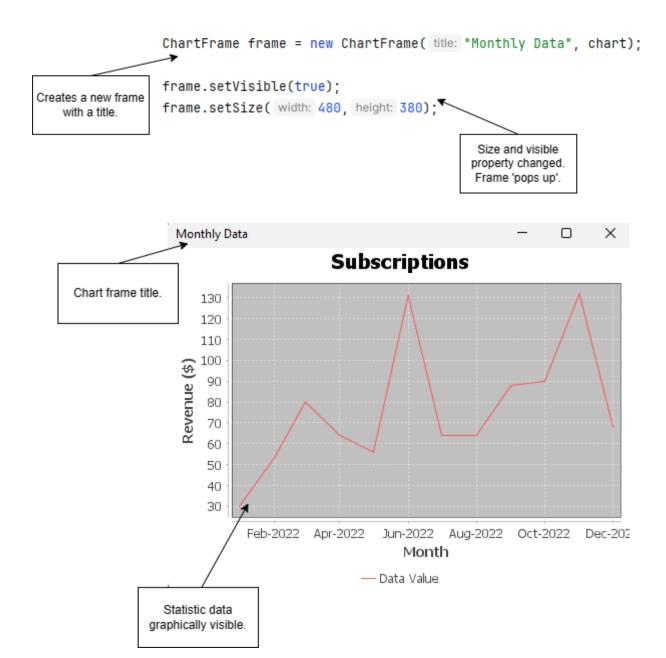
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¹⁶ See Libraries section of document.



Code 26 Creating JFreeChart.

```
TimeSeriesCollection dataset = new TimeSeriesCollection();
dataset.addSeries(series);
                                                                        Collection of TimeSeries
                                                                       gets the series of Statistic
                                                                            data added.
// Create a chart with proper labels and dataset.
JFreeChart chart = ChartFactory.creαteTimeSeriesChart(
    statistic.getName(), // Title.
                                                                         Ability to add multiple
    "Month", // X-axis label.
                                                                           series means in
                                                                            future statistic
    "Revenue ($)", // Y-axis label.
                                                                            comparison.
    dataset, // Dataset.
    true, // Legend.
    true, // Tooltips.
    false // URLs.
);
```



 ${\it Screenshot\,3\,JF} ree {\it Chart\,graphed\,statistic}.$

Linked List of Company Objects

I decided to structure the program in such a way that the User class aggregates or 'has' a CompanyList object. The CompanyList object acts as the LinkedList controller, while each

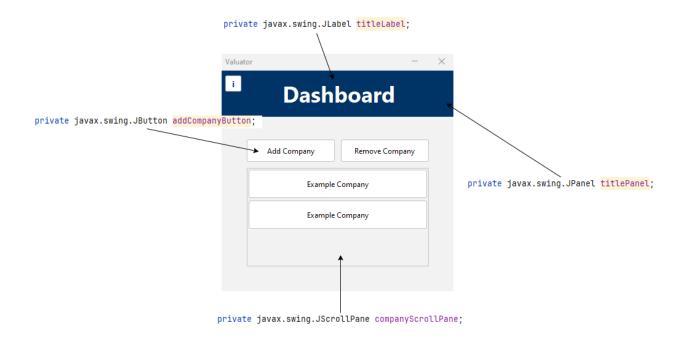
Company object is a node within the LinkedList. To make this work, the CompanyList held by the User object has a root Company object, and each Company object has a reference to the next Company.

My main reason for using a LinkedList instead of a fixed array of objects is because it is a dynamic data structure. This is advantageous because it means that if a user wishes to add more companies or remove companies they can do so, and the data structure does not need to have a fixed or set size limitation. The only downside of this is that this is less memory efficient, however, with modern devices and the expected workload the memory efficiency is not a large concern for the client.

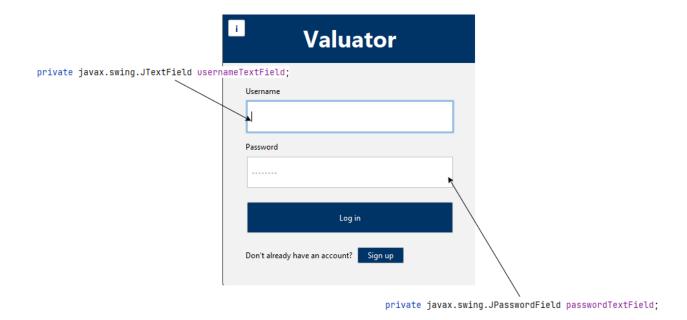
Interface

Code 28 Setting of interfaces LookAndFeel.

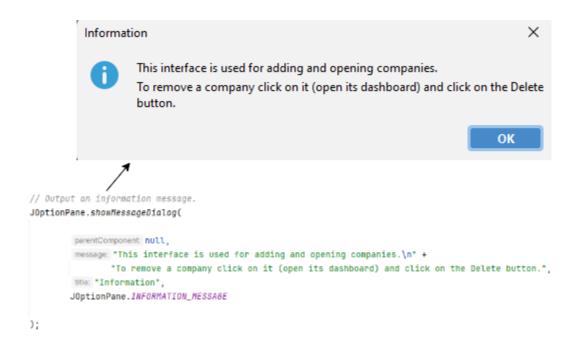
```
// Attempt to set the preferred look and feel.
                                                                           Set LookAndFeel to FlatIntelliJLaf. This is
try {
                                                                             from a library.
                                                                                                       See Libraries section
                                                                                                         in document.
    UIManager.setLookAndFeel(new FlatIntelliJLaf());
} catch (UnsupportedLookAndFeelException unsupportedLookAndFeelException) { // Catch a look and feel error.
    // Output error message.
    logger.severe(unsupportedLookAndFeelException.getMessage());
    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(
              parentComponent: null,
                                                                          This code uses a library to
              message: "Unsupported look and feel.",
                                                                            make the UI prettier.
              title: "Look & Feel Error",
              JOptionPane. ERROR_MESSAGE
    );
```



Screenshot 4 Dashboard interface with components annotated.

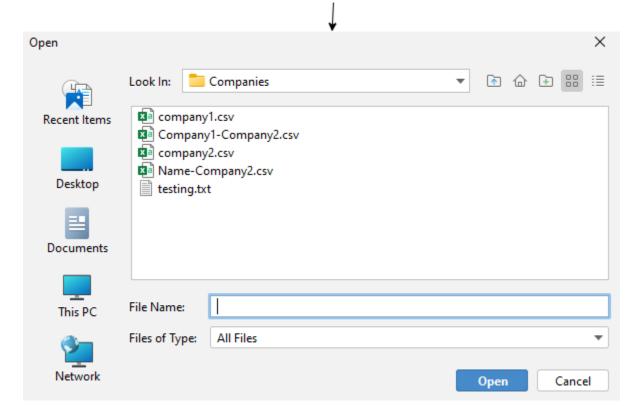


Screenshot 5 Login/signup interface with components annotated.

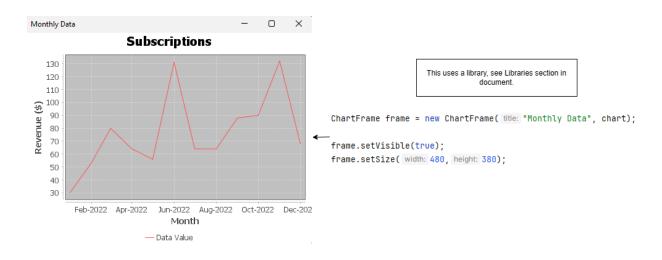


Screenshot 6 Popup with components annotated.

private javax.swing.JFileChooser companyFileChooser;



Screenshot 7 File chooser with annotated components.



Screenshot 8 Statistic graph with annotated components.

Libraries

Table 1 Libraries used in the program.

Library	Reasons for Use	Link
com.formdev.flatlaf.FlatIntelliJ	Used to make interface	https://www.javadoc.io/static/
Laf	look more visually	com.formdev/flatlaf/2.0-
	appealing.	rc1/com/formdev/flatlaf/FlatInt
	 Makes interface 	elliJLaf.html
	'cleaner'. Simply visual	
	changes.	
java.awt.Color	Used for setting the	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	color of various visual	/8/docs/api/java/awt/Color.htm
	elements.	l
java.awt.Component	 Used for alignment 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	property.	/8/docs/api/java/awt/Compone
		nt.html
java.awt.Desktop	 Used to launch a file in 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	an application.	/8/docs/api/java/awt/Desktop.
		html
java.awt.Dimension	 Width and height of an 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	object in a single	/8/docs/api/java/awt/Dimensio
	component.	n.html
	Used for sizing buttons.	
java.awt.event.ActionEvent	 Primarily used for 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	button pressing events.	/8/docs/api/java/awt/event/Acti
	Can be used to trigger	onEvent.html
	actions.	
java.io.*	General use of different	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	parts of the IO library.	/8/docs/api/java/io/package-
	 Used for input and 	summary.html
	output in the	
	application.	
java.io.BufferedWriter	 Used through program 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	to get data from file line	/8/docs/api/java/io/BufferedWr
	by line.	iter.html
	Can easily read CSV file	
	line to array.	
java.io.File	 Used to act as simply a 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase
	file.	/8/docs/api/java/io/File.html

	 Used for when reading a file. Can store the read file as a file object. Used in a program for easy file writing and reading. Benefit is path does not need to be respecified. 	
java.io.FileWriter	Used to write details to files.	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/io/FileWriter.h tml
java.io.IOException	 Exception thrown if there is an issue with input output. Used during file reading and writing. In program catches issues and we can output to user. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/io/IOExceptio n.html
java.io.PrintWriter	 Also used for writing files in the program. Can be used to create a new file (used to create user file). 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/io/PrintWriter. html
java.io.RandomAccessFile	 DAT file reading. Used for userbase (username and password storage). 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/io/RandomAc cessFile.html
java.util.ArrayList	 Used by program to store list without specified size. Also stores in order. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/ArrayList. html
java.util.Arrays	 Used primarily for methods such as converting to String. Used in program for logging. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/Arrays.ht ml

java.util.Collections	 Used for its method to find max value from ArrayList. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/Collection s.html
	 Max value of complete years for prediction. 	
java.util.logging.Logger	 Used in the program to log details. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/logging/Lo gger.html
java.util.NoSuchElementExcep tion	 Thrown by program when an element does not exist.	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/NoSuchEl ementException.html
java.util.Scanner	 Used to read through first file of user file with ease. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/java/util/Scanner.h tml
javax.swing.*	 Lightweight interface components that work on multiple platforms. Used by program for visual interface. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase %2F7%2Fdocs%2Fapi%2F%2F /javax/swing/package- summary.html
javax.swing.Box		https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/javax/swing/Box.ht ml
javax.swing.BoxLayout	 A layout used on every interface. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase %2F8%2Fdocs%2Fapi%2F%2F /javax/swing/BoxLayout.html
javax.swing.Jbutton	A simple button.Used numerous times in program.	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/javax/swing/Jbutto n.html
javax.swing.JfileChooser	 Used when selecting company files. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/javax/swing/JFileC hooser.html
javax.swing.JOptionPane	 Used for popups in the program. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase %2F8%2Fdocs%2Fapi%2F%2F /javax/swing/JOptionPane.html
javax.swing.JPanel	 Used for panels holding elements. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/javax/swing/JPanel. html
javax.swing.JScrollPane	Used for elements such	https://docs.oracle.com/javase

	as:	/8/docs/api/javax/swing/JScroll Pane.html
javax.swing.UIManager	 Used to manage the LookAndFeel of the program. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase /8/docs/api/javax/swing/UIMan ager.html
javax.swing.UnsupportedLook AndFeelException	 Used if the library for LookAndFeel is loaded improperly. Allows the program to still run without the desired LookAndFeel. 	https://docs.oracle.com/javase %2F7%2Fdocs%2Fapi%2F%2F /javax/swing/UnsupportedLook AndFeelException.html
org.jfree.chart.ChartFactory	 Used for chart creation. Statistics charts 	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/chart/C hartFactory.html
org.jfree.chart.ChartFrame	 Creating frame holding the chart. 	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/chart/C hartFrame.html
org.jfree.chart.JFreeChart	Main object for a new chart.	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/chart/JF reeChart.html
org.jfree.data.time.Month	Month of data point for a statistic.	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/data/tim e/Month.html
org.jfree.data.time.TimeSeries	X-axis of a graph which uses time.	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/data/tim e/TimeSeries.html
org.jfree.data.time.TimeSeries Collection	 Holds a collection of data. Is placed onto a TimeSeries. Used when adding chronological statistic data to graph. 	https://www.jfree.org/jfreechar t/api/javadoc/org/jfree/data/tim e/TimeSeriesCollection.html

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