OOP Project – Trip Planner

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Introduction

This project is a trip planner app designed to assist users in searching for landmarks and events in various cities and countries. Users can add selected places to their trip and associate them with their profiles. The app also calculates the total price of all the selected places to visit.

One noteworthy feature of this project is that users can perform all tasks directly within the app, eliminating the need to access the database separately. Users can log in, sign up, add or remove places from their profiles, and even insert new landmarks and events into the database if logged in as an admin.

The primary objective of this project was to gain more practice in implementing Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles and coding in Java. Additionally, I aimed to acquire experience working with databases, as it was a new area for me. Creating the graphical user interface (GUI) was also a valuable learning experience, even though my primary focus lies in backend development.

Logic of my app

First and foremost, the user is required to either log in or sign up. Upon entering the username and password, the application sends a request to the database. The login functionality verifies if the entered username and password match an existing record, while the sign-up process checks if username is available, and the two passwords provided are identical before adding a new user to the database.

Once successfully logged in, the user is directed to the main screen of the project. This screen displays tables containing events and landmarks, along with a search bar. Upon entering a destination and clicking a button, a request is sent to the database to filter places of interest specific to that destination. The filtered results are then displayed in their respective tables.

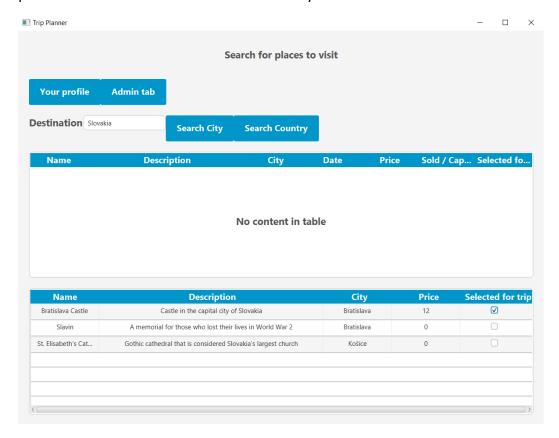
To add a place to their trip, the user can simply select the checkbox associated with the desired place. This action adds the place to an array list of places to visit, increases the total trip price, and sends an update request to the database, associating the place's ID with the user's profile. Removing a place from the trip follows a similar process: unchecking the checkbox removes the place from the array list, decreases the total trip price, and sends an update request to the database.

As an admin user, I have the privilege of inserting new landmarks and events into the database. The application provides radio buttons to choose between the two options. Upon selection, I can enter the necessary data and send an insert request to the appropriate table in the database.

Thanks to this logic, the application retains all changes even after being shut down and reopened, ensuring data persistence.

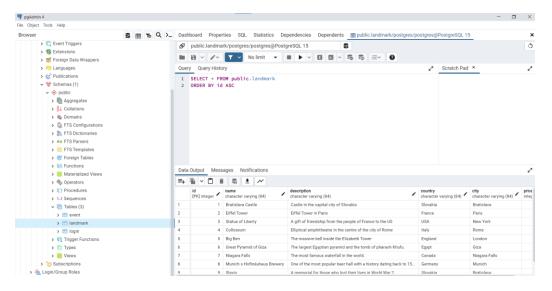
App GUI

This screenshot showcases the main tab of the application. The GUI was developed using JavaFX, and I opted for a colour scheme that features fresh and bright tones, including white, light grey, and light blue. User feedback indicates that navigation is intuitive, with a clear presentation and the absence of unnecessary elements.



Database

I have made the decision to store my data in a PostgreSQL database. I specifically chose to work with this particular database because it is suitable for this type of project and also provides an opportunity for me to learn how to work with it effectively.



OOP principles

There are several OOP principles implemented in my project:

Encapsulation

Encapsulation is demonstrated in my project through the encapsulation of attributes and methods within classes. For example, the Location class exhibits encapsulation.

Aggregation

Aggregation is utilized in the project through the presence of the location attribute in the PlaceToVisit class, where the Location class is referenced.

Inheritance

Inheritance is applied in the project, with the PlaceToVisit class serving as the main class for a place, and two classes, Event and Landmark, extending it. The subclasses inherit parameters and methods from the parent class.

Overriding

Method overriding is employed in the project to modify the functionality of subclass methods. This approach is implemented in my GUI controllers to make them more suitable for the specific requirements of the project.

Overloading

Method overloading is utilized in the project, particularly in the constructors. Different versions of the same method with varying parameters are defined to perform different tasks. The Landmark class showcases the usage of method overloading.

```
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public class Landmark extends PlaceToVisit {

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public Landmark(){}

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public Landmark (String name, Location location, int price) { super(name, location, price); }
```

Polymorphism

Polymorphism is incorporated into the project through several methods that accept input values of the PlaceToVisit class. The processing of the input values differs based on their subtype, whether it is a landmark or an event.

Lambda expression

Lambda expressions are present in my FXML controller classes. For instance, the provided example features an admin tab controller with a lambda expression that controls the selection of either a landmark or an event.

```
landmark.selectedProperty().addListener((obs, oldValue, newValue) -> {
    if (newValue) {
        datePicker.setValue(null);
        soldText.clear();
        capacityText.clear();
    }
});
}
```

Packages

To ensure a clear code structure, I have decided to organize my classes into packages following the MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture. In this approach, I have created three main packages: entity, gui, and logic.

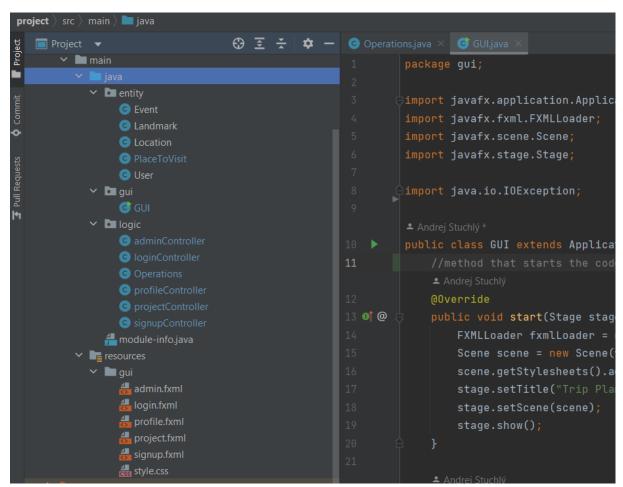
The entity package represents the model and provides data classes that encapsulate the essential data and behaviour of the application.

The gui package serves as the view part, responsible for what the user can see and interact with. It contains classes related to the graphical user interface.

The logic package acts as the controller, managing the operations and orchestrating the communication between the model and the view. This package contains classes that handle the logic and behaviour of the application.

In addition to these packages, I store the FXML and CSS files in the resources directory, separate from the codebase. This separation helps to keep the codebase clean and ensures a more organized structure.

By following this MVC architecture and organizing my classes into appropriate packages, I can maintain a clear separation of concerns and improve the readability and maintainability of my code.



Comments

I have added comments to my classes and methods to improve code readability. Additionally, I have generated a Javadoc for the project, providing a comprehensive reference guide for developers to understand the code more easily.

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Hierarchy For All Packages

Package Hierarchies:

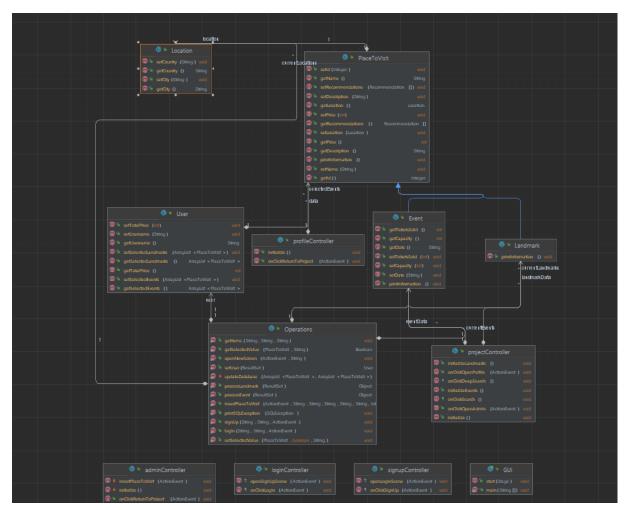
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Class Hierarchy

- java.lang.Object[™]
 - logic.adminController
 - o javafx.application.Application
 - gui.GUI
 - o entity.Location
 - o logic.loginController
 - logic.Operations
 - entity.PlaceToVisit
 - o entity. Event
 - o entity.Landmark
 - logic.profileController
 - logic.projectController
 - entity.Recommendation
 - logic.signupController
 - o entity. User

UML diagram

Below is the UML diagram illustrating the classes and methods utilized in my project:



Conclusion

Overall, the project was a great success – I managed to develop an app that has practical utility and can be utilized in real-life scenarios. This project provided me with valuable insights into working with databases, Java classes, and further deepened my understanding of essential Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles, enabling me to enhance my skills as a developer.