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Sequence Diagrams

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Class Diagram

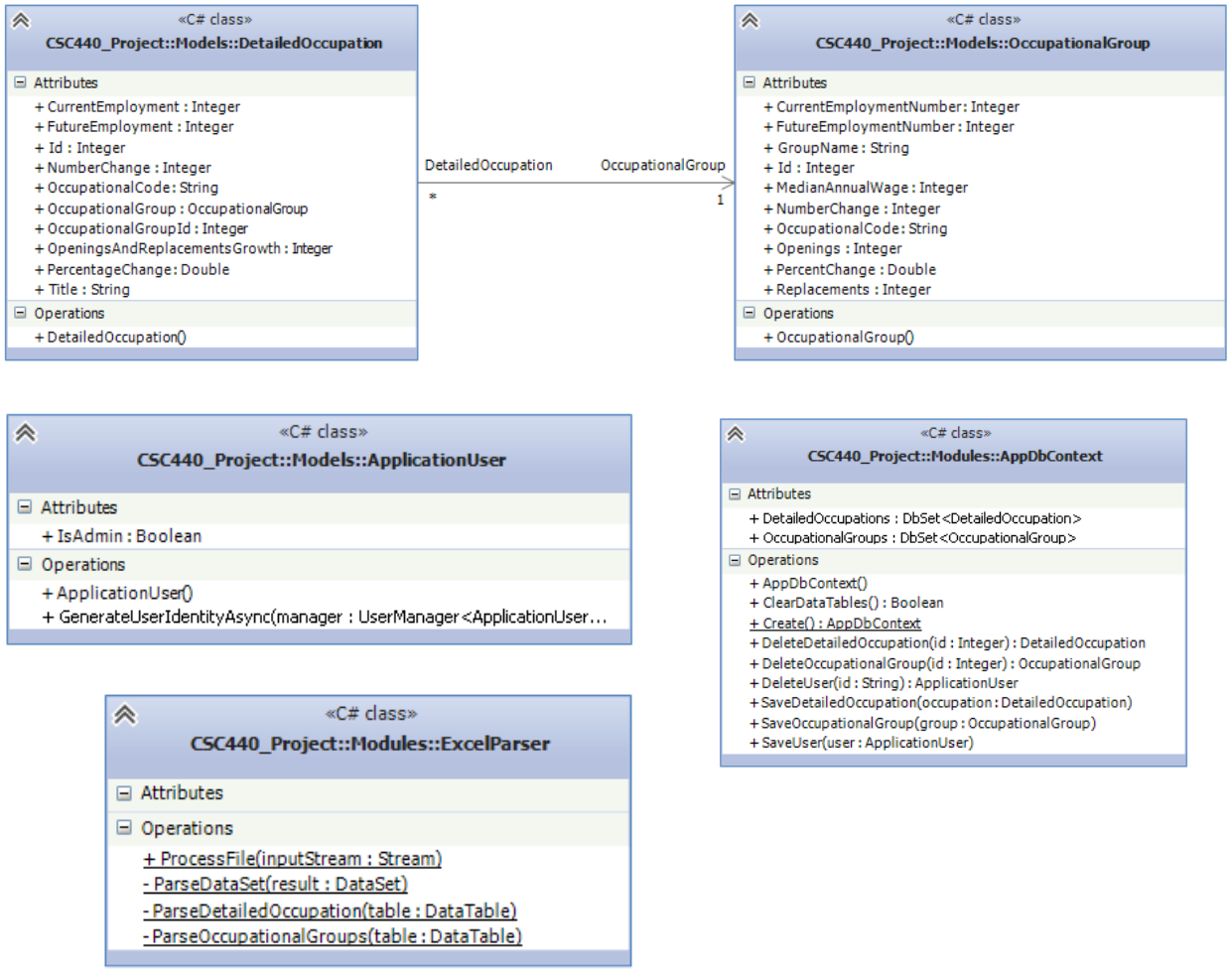

Diagram Explanation

The class diagram above implements several GRASP patterns. These patterns are described below, along with the associated reasoning for implementing each pattern.

The first pattern that was used in the design of the application was the Information Expert pattern. This is used in the Job Outlook Portal by allowing classes to handle the data that they are most interested in. For example, the OccupationalGroup and DetailedOccupation groups both are concerned primarily with managing and creating instances of their own class. All of the maintenance that goes into an OccupationalGroup or DetailedOccupation object are done by the class itself. This allows for straightforward updating and maintenance of code.

Secondly, the Creator pattern is used in the Job Outlook Portal. As shown in the Class Diagram, all of the classes are responsible for creating instances of themselves. It is the sole responsibility of the class to create instances of itself and because of this it is always known where classes are instantiated and initialized.

Thirdly, the Controller pattern is used heavily in the Job Outlook portal. Because the application uses the .NET Model View Controller pattern, using controllers is straightforward and encouraged. The controller pattern allows for each model class to have an associated controller classes. Along with several views for each model, this allows for straightforward coding, adequate separation of concerns, and increased ease of unit testing. By allowing one class to maintain responsibility of business logic, the centralization of code is greatly increased, and unit testing can be performed far more easily than with traditional web applications.

The sequence diagrams were concerned with similar principles in mind. Each transaction with the system is atomic and as simple as logically possible. This means that if errors occur in the application, their root cause can be determined fairly quickly, as most methods rely on the single-responsibility guideline, and never handle more than a very specific task. Most methods and actions in the Job Outlook Portal operate in a similar fashion.

For future iterations, the GRASP patterns above will continue to be employed. This will cause the code to remain coherent and focused in its application and execution. Additional GRASP patterns may also be used to further increase the functionality of the application.