
Design Document for Coll8

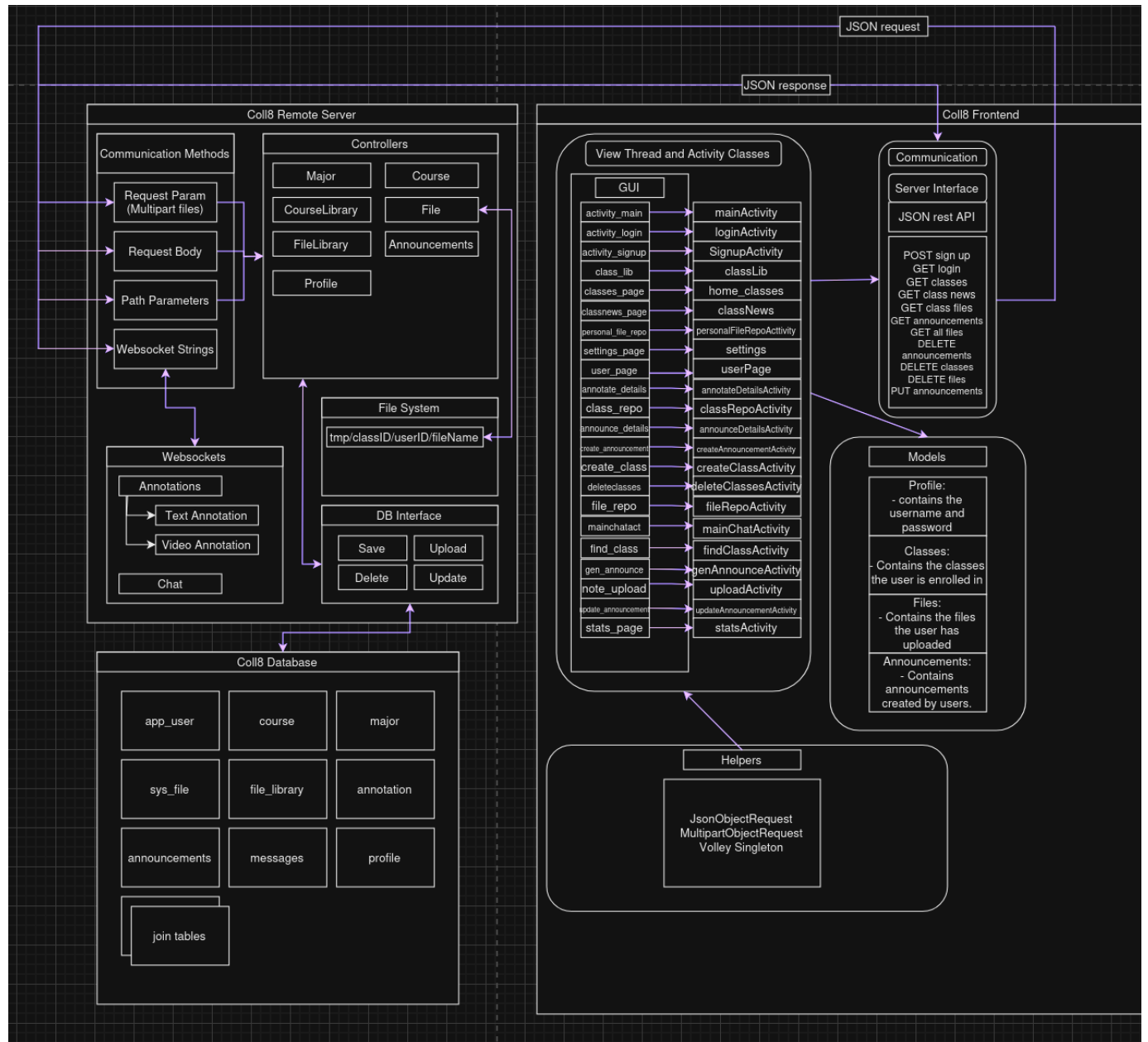
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FRONTEND

Getting files from the database:

For a personal file repo, the user can go to the settings and the personal file repo. This will display files that the user himself/herself has uploaded.

- This will display all the files the user uploads in a text format.
- *Multipart Request:* Sends a POST request to fetch files related to a specific course and populates the filesList TextView with file details if the request is successful.

AnnotationDetails:

Utilizes the following:

- Buttons for download, delete, home, saveAnnotation, and addComment.
- Textview to display fileTitle or name. And a VideoView to display a video a video files for users to interact with
- A dynamic LinearLayout : annotationContain

Given that a user selects a file in the repos, they will be taken to this page. For some files the user will be allowed to download, otherwise they can add annotations. There is a universal delete button that can be utilized at any time for the given file.

UploadFile:

This feature utilizes

- Buttons to go back home, insert file, and submit. Followed by EditText boxes such as courseNum, courseAbbreviation, and file name.

This page is more complex because it requires reading and writing from Storage to access files, along with documenting the file type which should be appended to the filename. The wrong filename will lead to rejection of submission, along with other restrictive parameters. The request used here is a Multipartrequest, which requires Byte Mapping of the file to be sent to the backend.

BACKEND

Communication

The four mappings used to interface with the system are POST, PUT, DELETE, and GET. These four employ the use of the following methods to communicate data:

- *Path Parameters:* Used in a URL to specific data. May only be basic types, such as integers and strings. These are named, and are typically used to denote IDs or usernames.
- *Request Body:* Used to send one long string which can be parsed as JSON. Commonly used to requests that need to update an object or reference several objects.
- *Request Param:* Another kind of name-value pair scheme, but this time, the value is a file or a string. Used mostly for uploading, updating, and searching for files from the file controller.
- *Websocket Strings:* A websocket connection can only send strings back and forth, which may be interpreted as JSON. The only two controllers that utilize websockets are the Annotation and Chat controllers.

Complex Controllers

Controllers may interact with both the filesystem and the database.

- *File controller:* Create and delete files on the file system. For each file, create a SysFile object in the database that describes the file and its metadata, such as its owner and any annotations made on it.
- *Course:* A course acts as a repository of files for a group of users. As such, each course has a set of files. Each course also has a unique major / course number pair.
- *User:* A user object details a user and all their actions, including all files, annotations, and announcements they've uploaded. They also have a list of joined courses.

