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1 Introduction

¡Instructions: Write an introduction to your application and its purpose. Also include screenshot;

PineapplePlanner is a Windows application designed to serve as an intuitive todo list integrated within a calendar. PineapplePlanner enables users to create and manage tasks efficiently by specifying a start and finish date, selecting a priority level (high, medium, low, or no priority), and providing a descriptive task name before submitting it to the calendar. With a user-friendly interface and AI-powered assistance, PineapplePlanner simplifies task creation by allowing users to generate tasks through natural language input—simply describing what they need to do, and the AI will automatically create and categorize the task for them. For those who prefer a more hands-on approach, PineapplePlanner also allows users to manually input their tasks, giving them full control over their scheduling. This makes the process even more seamless for individuals who feel overwhelmed by a heavy workload or numerous responsibilities, offering a structured and organized approach to task management. By visually mapping out tasks within a calendar, users can prioritize effectively, track deadlines, and stay on top of their commitments with greater ease and clarity. Whether users need to focus on urgent tasks or simply keep track of general activities, PineapplePlanner provides the flexibility to accommodate different levels of importance.

1.1 Restrictions

i Instructions: List any restrictions that you think is worth mentioning.

1.2 Enhancements

; Instructions: Explain possible extra features that you plan to implement into your application. If you have no extra features, you can remove this 1.2 section.;

The possible extra features we planned to implement or that has been implemented was custom usernames for users which was already implemented, dark-mode option in settings which transforms the application to dark-mode for users who would prefer to have it that way. AI was another feature that got implemented to help users create tasks faster. Not yet implemented features were Notification features in settings that would allow users to enable/disable notifications, Language option in settings for users whom do not understand english or would rather prefer have it in another language.

2 Requirements

3 Design and Implementation

¡ Instructions: Describe your design in this chapter. List one class per sub chapter and add some simple class diagrams to illustrate relations (inheritance and/or associations) between the main classes.¿

The application implementation is far to large to list and explain every single class. As the application is built with the object oriented language C# almost everything is a class. Thus, an explanation class-per-class does not really add any

value. Some crucial classes with different use cases are explained in the following sections.

The entire project is contained in one .NET solution. This solution is divided into different projects for organization purposes. For instance, we have a class library project for all user interface related code, a class library for communication with the database and a class library for all entity classes and enums.

3.1 PineapplePlanner.Domain.Entities.Entry

The Entry class is our base entity class for user entries. There are two child classes Task and Event that are derived from Entry.

The class itself has a [FirestoreData] attribute which enables instances to be stored in the Firebase Firestore database. All properties with a [FirestoreProperty] are marked to be stored in the Firestore.

```
1 using Google. Cloud. Firestore;
2 using PineapplePlanner.Domain.Enums;
3 using PineapplePlanner.Domain.Interfaces;
4 using PineapplePlanner.Domain.JsonConverter;
5 using System. Text. Json. Serialization;
6
7 namespace PineapplePlanner.Domain.Entities
8 {
9
     [FirestoreData]
    public class Entry : IBaseFirestoreData
10
11
12
       [FirestoreProperty]
13
       public string Type { get; } = nameof(Entry);
14
15
       [FirestoreProperty]
16
       public required string Id { get; set; }
17
18
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public required string Name { get; set; }
19
20
21
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public string? Description { get; set; }
22
23
24
       [FirestoreProperty ("Priority")]
25
       public string? PriorityString
26
27
         protected get => Priority?.ToString();
28
         set
29
30
           if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(value) && Enum.TryParse<
     Priority > (value, true, out var parsed Priority))
31
32
             Priority = parsedPriority;
33
34
           else
```

```
35
                Priority = \mathbf{null};
36
37
          }
38
39
40
        [JsonConverter(typeof(PriorityEnumConverter))]
41
        public Priority? Priority { get; set; }
42
43
44
        [FirestoreProperty]
        public DateTime CreatedAt { get; set; }
45
46
        [FirestoreProperty]
47
        public DateTime? DeletedAt { get; set; }
48
49
50
        [FirestoreProperty]
        \mathbf{public}\ \mathrm{List} < \mathrm{Tag} > \mathrm{Tags}\ \{\ \mathrm{get}\,;\ \mathrm{set}\,;\ \} = \mathbf{new}\ \mathrm{List} < \mathrm{Tag} > ()\,;
51
52
53
        [FirestoreProperty]
        public string? UserUid { get; set; }
54
55
        public Entry() { }
56
57
        protected Entry(string type)
58
59
60
           Type = type;
61
62
63 }
```

Listing 1: PineapplePlanner.Domain.Entities.Entry

4 Test Results

Table 2 below contains the current status of implemented and tested requirements. ¡Instructions: This table shall map 1-1 to the table in Chapter 2. The test result for each requirement shall be one of the following: NOT IMPLEMENTED, PASSED or FAILED.;

5 Summary and Conclusion

This chapter contains a summary and conclusion of the work that was carried out in this project as well as reflections and thoughts about working methods and challenges.

5.1 Weekly Progress

Below is a short summary of what was done each week.

5.1.1 Week 1

In week 1, we made significant strides in setting up the foundation for our project. We established the GitHub repository, integrated Jira for streamlined project management, and configured Firebase for backend support. Additionally, we implemented user authentication and conducted a thorough code refactor to enhance efficiency and maintainability

5.1.2 Week 2

In Week 2, we focused on refining the user experience and adding key features. The UI was designed and implemented, email verification was integrated for secure access, and a custom logo was created and applied. Furthermore, essential features such as the calendar, settings panel, and to-do list were developed and implemented to enhance functionality and usability.

5.1.3 Week 3

In Week 3, we focused on improving functionality and stability. Unit tests were added to ensure reliability, minor issues were fixed for a smoother experience, and dark mode was implemented to enhance usability. We also introduced a tagging system for better organization and navigation.

5.1.4 Week 4

In Week 4, we made improvements to both functionality and project organization. The AI assistant was enhanced, and Git branch protection was set up to maintain code integrity. Additional settings features were implemented, localization was introduced, and various codebase warnings were cleaned up. Finally, we started working on the final report.

5.2 Difficulties and challenges

Below is a list of notable challenges that came up during this project and that took a long time to solve.

5.2.1 Blazor WPF wrapper

One significant challenge we faced several times was the fact that we decided to implement our Blazor SSR web application within a WPF wrapper to be ran as a desktop application. Having a web based application is very comfortable for development, especially when it comes to building user interfaces. Also you can always fallback to use JavaScript as the app runs in the browser. On the other hand, having a WPF wrapper limited us when implementing certain features. For instance, redirects that were necessary for the authentication with Firebase turned out to be rather difficult.

5.2.2 Dependency Injection issues

Blazor and WPF both have their own dependency injection frameworks and ensuring proper integration between the two required some trial and error. Some services that worked seamlessly within Blazor did not behave as expected when instantiated inside

the WPF wrapper. For example, singleton services shared between Blazor and WPF sometimes led to unintended issues. The whole services setup took quite some time.

5.2.3 Lack of console outputs for debugging

Another major difficulty we encountered was the lack of direct console output when running the Blazor application within the WPF wrapper. Usually, web applications benefit from browser developer tools, in particular the console outputs. However, within the WPF environment, there was neither a .NET console nor a browser console available making debugging significantly harder. We often ended up rendering output to the user interface for testing.

5.2.4 Firebase API Quota Exceeded

During development and testing, we occasionally exceeded Firebase's API quota. This typically happened when we testing extensively in a short period or when our application accidentally fell into an endless request loop. We had to be extremely careful not to get stuck in infinite render loops. Otherwise we had to wait one day for the firebase cooldown to continue development.

5.3 Correctness of time estimates

¡Instructions: Look back on your time estimates and discuss your results. How accurate were they? What have you learned about time estimates and how can you get better in next project?;

5.4 Priority decisions

¡Instructions: Look back on your feature priority settings. Did you prioritize the right features? Did you succeed to deliver the highest prioritized features? Did you disagree with the examiner on some features? Have you learned anything about setting priorities?;

5.5 Conclusion

¡Instructions: Look back on the whole project. Here you can write a bit more freely about your thoughts on this project. What was your overall experience? How was the teamwork? What did you learn? Can you list some points that you will do better in next project? Other thoughts. ¿

6 References