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1 Introduction

Time management is a challenge for individuals that have multiple responsibilities across work, studies, and personal life, what leads to increased stress and decreased productivity. Study-related stress and disruption of mental health may take origins from procrastination which is quite common for people with poor time management [1]. Traditional calendars and to-do lists, while useful, may not provide the comprehensive support needed to manage these demands effectively [2].

PineapplePlanner is a Windows application designed to serve as an intuitive to-do list integrated within a calendar which aims to minimize stress to help completing daily tasks and improves personal productivity. The application is focused on improving mental health stability with focus on SDG 4.3.2 [3]. 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, multiple language translation, 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.

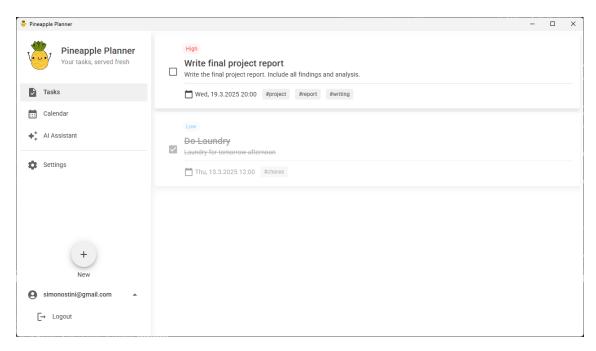


Figure 1: Pineapple Planner home page screenshot

1.1 Source code

The entire project source code is open source in a public Github repository here (github.com/b3h3m0th/pineapple-planner).

1.2 Restrictions

The only restriction PineapplePlanner has is that users must have a Google account to sign up or sign in. However, since most people already have one, this is hardly an issue.

1.3 Enhancements

After working on the project for 4 sprints, we thought about many possible features that we planned to increment. Some of them were:

- 1. Notification Settings: Users will be able to enable or disable notifications based on their preferences;
- 2. Burn out reminder: If user adds has too many deadlines in one day, Pineaaple-Planner will suggest to have less tasks and replan them.
- 3. Gamification: For each done task user may assign points that they would get after completing it
- 4. Day streak: To motivate user to use PineapplePlanner, day streaks would encourage user to do tasks daily.
- 5. Recurring Tasks: A feature that allows users to set tasks to repeat at specified intervals;
- 6. Family groups: Users can create groups and share tasks and events between each other.

2 Requirements

Nr	Req. Name	Req. Description	EMH	AMH	Prio
1	Log in	User is able to log in to see their	5	30	10
		personal tasks.			
2	Log out User is able to log out to secure		1	5	10
		their information			
3	Task creation The project should create a task		7	30	10
		with a name, description and a			
		deadline			
4	Edit task	The task should be editable and	2	30	8
		could be marked as completed.			
5	Task prioritization	Task should have priorities: low,	3	30	6
		medium and high.			
6	View tasks in the calendar	Task should be visible in calendar	10	50	10
		view.			
7	Add tasks in the calendar	There should be a representation	5	20	6
		of creating a task in the calendar			
8	Tags	Tasks should have tags for easier	4	15	5
		management.			
9	Dark theme	There is an ability to set dark	5	20	3
		theme in the settings			
10	AI	There is an ability to ask Gemini	10	30	3
		to create a task or event			

Table 1: Requirements

3 Design and Implementation

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;
```

```
7 namespace PineapplePlanner.Domain.Entities
8 {
9
    [FirestoreData]
    public class Entry : IBaseFirestoreData
10
11
12
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public string Type { get; } = nameof(Entry);
13
14
15
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public required string Id { get; set; }
16
17
       [FirestoreProperty]
18
19
       public required string Name { get; set; }
20
21
       [FirestoreProperty]
22
       public string? Description { get; set; }
23
       [FirestoreProperty("Priority")]
24
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
36
             Priority = \mathbf{null};
37
38
         }
       }
39
40
       [JsonConverter(typeof(PriorityEnumConverter))]
41
42
       public Priority? Priority { get; set; }
43
       [FirestoreProperty]
44
45
       public DateTime CreatedAt { get; set; }
46
47
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public DateTime? DeletedAt { get; set; }
48
49
50
       [FirestoreProperty]
51
       public List<Tag> Tags { get; set; } = new List<Tag>();
52
53
       [FirestoreProperty]
       public string? UserUid { get; set; }
54
```

Listing 1: PineapplePlanner.Domain.Entities.Entry

3.2 PineapplePlanner.Application.Repositories.BaseRepository

BaseRepository is a generic class that implements the IBaseRepositor according to the common Repository pattern. All other Repository are derived from the BaseRepository which has shared CRUD implementations. The BaseRepository accepts a generic argument which decides what Firestore collection should taken into account.

```
1 using Google. Cloud. Firestore;
2 using PineapplePlanner. Application. Interfaces;
3 using PineapplePlanner.Domain.Interfaces;
4 using PineapplePlanner. Domain. Shared;
5 using PineapplePlanner.Infrastructure;
7 namespace PineapplePlanner. Application. Repositories;
9 public class BaseRepository<T> : IBaseRespository<T> where T
      : IBaseFirestoreData
10 {
11
    protected readonly string _collectionName;
12
    protected readonly FirestoreService _firestoreService;
13
14
    public BaseRepository (FirestoreService firestoreService)
15
16
       _firestoreService = firestoreService;
17
       _collectionName = typeof(T).Name + "s";
    }
18
19
20
    public async Task<ResultBase<List<T>>>> GetAllAsync()
21
22
      ResultBase<List<T>> result = ResultBase<List<T>>.Success
      ();
23
24
      try
25
26
         QuerySnapshot snapshot = await _firestoreService.
     FirestoreDb
```

```
. Collection (_collectionName)
27
             . GetSnapshotAsync();
28
         List <T> documents = snapshot.Documents.Select(doc =>
29
     doc.ConvertTo<T>()).ToList();
30
31
         return new ResultBase<List<T>>(documents);
32
33
       catch (Exception ex)
34
35
         result. AddErrorAndSetFailure(ex. Message + ex.
     StackTrace);
36
37
38
       return result;
39
40
41
    public async Task<ResultBase<T?>> GetByIdAsync(string id)
42
43
       \mathbf{try}
44
       {
         DocumentReference docRef = _firestoreService.
45
     FirestoreDb. Collection(_collectionName).Document(id);
46
         DocumentSnapshot snapshot = await docRef.
     GetSnapshotAsync();
         T? document = snapshot.Exists ? snapshot.ConvertTo<T
47
     >() : default;
48
         return ResultBase<T?>.Success (document);
49
50
       catch (Exception)
51
52
53
         return ResultBase<T?>. Failure();
54
55
    }
56
    public virtual async Task<ResultBase<T>> AddAsync(T entity
57
58
       ResultBase<T> result = ResultBase<T>.Success();
59
60
61
       try
62
         entity.Id = Guid.NewGuid().ToString();
63
         Document Reference \ docRef = \ \_firestore Service \,.
64
     FirestoreDb. Collection(_collectionName).Document(entity.
         await docRef. SetAsync (entity);
65
66
67
         result. Data = entity;
```

```
68
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
69
70
          result. AddErrorAndSetFailure(ex. Message);
71
72
73
74
        return result;
75
76
77
     public virtual async Task<ResultBase<T>> UpdateAsync(T
       entity)
78
        ResultBase<T> result = ResultBase<T>.Success();
79
80
81
        \mathbf{try}
82
83
          DocumentReference docRef = _firestoreService.
      FirestoreDb. Collection (_collectionName). Document (entity.
          await docRef. SetAsync (entity, SetOptions. Overwrite);
84
85
86
          result. Data = entity;
87
        catch (Exception ex)
88
89
90
          result. AddErrorAndSetFailure(ex. Message);
91
92
93
        return result;
94
95
96
     public async Task<ResultBase> DeleteAsync(string id)
97
     {
98
        try
99
          DocumentReference docRef = _firestoreService.
100
       FirestoreDb. Collection(_collectionName).Document(id);
          await docRef. DeleteAsync();
101
102
          return ResultBase.Success();
103
104
105
        catch (Exception)
106
107
          return ResultBase. Failure();
108
109
     }
110 }
```

Listing 2: PineapplePlanner.Application.Repositories.BaseRepository

3.3 PineapplePlanner.Domain.UnitTests.Shared.ResultBaseTests

The ResultBaseTests class contains unit tests for our custom ResultBase class that is used for error handling throughout the entire project. The unit tests are implemented using the .NET testing library XUnit. Each unit test is declared with a Fact attribute.

```
1 using PineapplePlanner. Domain. Shared;
3 namespace PineapplePlanner.Domain.UnitTests.Shared
4 {
    public class ResultBaseTests
5
6
7
       [Fact]
       public void ResultBase_Success_ShouldSetIsSuccessTrue()
8
9
10
         ResultBase result = ResultBase.Success();
11
12
         Assert. True (result. IsSuccess);
       }
13
14
15
       [Fact]
16
       public void ResultBase_Success_ShouldContainNoErrors()
17
         ResultBase result = ResultBase.Success();
18
19
20
         Assert.Empty(result.Errors);
21
       }
22
23
       [Fact]
24
       public void ResultBase_Failure_ShouldSetIsSuccessFalse()
25
         ResultBase result = ResultBase. Failure();
26
27
         Assert. False (result. IsSuccess);
28
29
       }
30
31
       [Fact]
32
       public void ResultBase_Failure_ShouldContainNoErrors()
33
34
         ResultBase result = ResultBase. Failure();
35
36
         Assert.Empty(result.Errors);
37
       }
38
39
       [Fact]
40
       public void
     ResultBase_AddErrorAndSetFailure_ShouldAddError()
41
         ResultBase result = ResultBase.Success();
42
```

```
string errorMessage = "Test error";
43
44
         result . AddErrorAndSetFailure (errorMessage);
45
46
         Assert. NotEmpty(result. Errors);
47
48
         Assert.Contains(errorMessage, result.Errors);
49
       }
50
       [Fact]
51
52
       public void
      Result Base\_Add Error And Set Failure\_Should Set Is Success False
      ()
53
       {
         ResultBase result = ResultBase.Success();
54
55
         result . AddErrorAndSetFailure("Test error");
56
57
         Assert. False (result. IsSuccess);
58
       }
59
60
61
       [Fact]
       public void
62
      Result Base\_Default Constructor\_Should Initialize Empty Errors
63
       {
         ResultBase result = new ResultBase();
64
65
66
         Assert. Empty(result. Errors);
       }
67
     }
68
69
70
     public class ResultBaseTTests
71
72
       [Fact]
73
       public void ResultBaseT_Success_ShouldSetIsSuccessTrue()
74
         ResultBase<int> result = ResultBase<int>.Success();
75
76
77
         Assert. True (result. IsSuccess);
       }
78
79
80
       [Fact]
       public void ResultBaseT_Success_ShouldContainNoErrors()
81
82
83
         ResultBase<int> result = ResultBase<int>.Success();
84
         Assert.Empty(result.Errors);
85
       }
86
87
```

```
88
        [Fact]
        public void ResultBaseT_SuccessWithData_ShouldSetData()
89
90
          string testData = "test";
91
92
          ResultBase < string > result = ResultBase < string > . Success
       (testData);
93
94
          Assert.Equal(testData, result.Data);
95
        }
96
        [Fact]
97
        public void
98
      ResultBaseT_SuccessWithData_ShouldSetIsSuccessTrue()
99
          string testData = "test";
100
          ResultBase < string > result = ResultBase < string > . Success
101
       (testData);
102
          Assert. True (result. IsSuccess);
103
        }
104
105
        [Fact]
106
        public void ResultBaseT_Failure_ShouldSetIsSuccessFalse
107
        {
108
          ResultBase<int> result = ResultBase<int>.Failure();
109
110
111
          Assert. False (result. IsSuccess);
        }
112
113
114
        [Fact]
        public void ResultBaseT_Failure_ShouldContainNoErrors()
115
116
117
          ResultBase<int> result = ResultBase<int>. Failure();
118
          Assert.Empty(result.Errors);
119
        }
120
121
        [Fact]
122
        public void
123
      ResultBaseT_ConstructorWithData_ShouldSetData()
124
        {
125
          int testData = 42;
126
          ResultBase<int> result = new ResultBase<int>(testData)
127
          Assert. Equal(testData, result.Data);
128
        }
129
130
```

```
[Fact]
131
132
       public void
      ResultBaseT_AddErrorAndSetFailure_ShouldPreserveData()
133
       {
          int testData = 42;
134
          ResultBase<int> result = ResultBase<int>.Success(
135
      testData);
136
          result.AddErrorAndSetFailure("Test error");
137
138
          Assert.Equal(testData, result.Data);
139
       }
140
     }
141
142 }
```

Listing 3: PineapplePlanner.Domain.UnitTests.Shared.ResultBaseTests

3.4 UML diagram of partial PineapplePlanner.Domain namespace

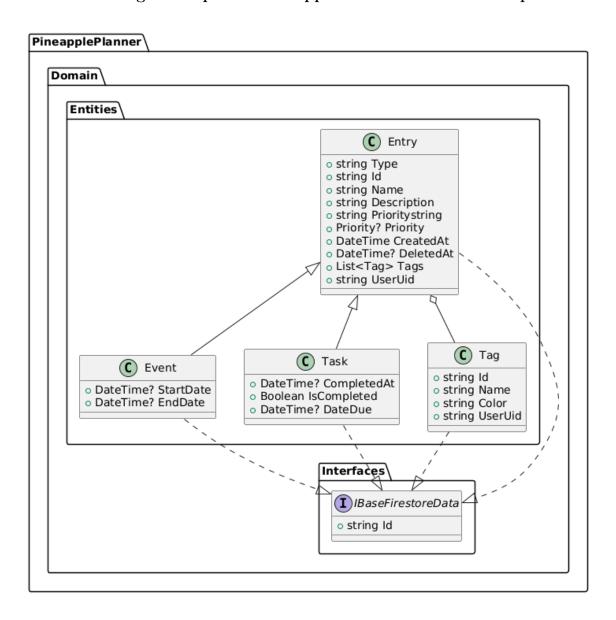


Figure 2: Partial PineapplePlanner.Domain UML diagram

4 Test Results

Table 2 below contains the current status of implemented and tested requirements.

Nr	Req. Name	Test result
1	Log in	Not Implemented
2	Log out	Not Implemented
3	Task creation	Not Implemented
4	Edit task	Not Implemented
5	Task prioritization	Not Implemented
6	View tasks in the calendar	Not Implemented
7	Add tasks in the calendar	Not Implemented
8	Tags	Not Implemented
9	Dark theme	Not Implemented
10	Tags	Not Implemented
11	AI	Not Implemented
11	Domain entities	Implemented
11	Error handling	Implemented

Table 2: Requirements

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

When estimating the time required for each task, we aimed to provide realistic approximations based on complexity and priority. After reviewing our actual development process, we found that most predictions were reasonably accurate. However, certain tasks took longer or shorter than expected due to unforeseen implementation challenges.

One key takeaway from this process is that simpler tasks, such as logging in and out, closely matched their estimated time, while more complex features, like task prioritization and calendar integration, occasionally required more time than anticipated. These deviations were primarily due to unexpected technical difficulties and the need for adjustments during development.

Time estimates are helpful in developing, since it's crucial to have approximate measurement of time that tasks will take. However, the more complex a task is, the less precise predictions are made. For future projects, we plan to track time more precisely by tracking AMH and breaking down complex tasks into smaller, more manageable subtasks. This approach will help improve the accuracy of our time predictions and optimize workflow efficiency.

5.4 Priority decisions

Looking back at the feature priorities we set a month ago for our first 6 requirements, we can see that we successfully delivered 4 out of 6. However, we did not complete the last two requirements, which were ranked as medium and low priority. Instead, we've created other features such as AI, tags, languages, dark theme, change of the username, etc. during 2 sprints that we had.

At the first PM, the examiner recommended starting with the 3rd requirement (log in/out user), and we followed that advice. As a result, the remaining features were easier to implement.

We learned that setting priorities at the start of the project is important for a quick start in agile development. While focusing on high-priority features, it's also important to keep in mind that lower-priority features may change significantly during subsequent sprints.

Nr	Requirement item	Priority (High/Medium/Low)
R1	The user shall be able to inspect their tasks.	High
R2	The user shall be able to manage their tasks.	High
R3	The user shall link their task data to their account.	High
R4	The user shall be able to prioritize tasks.	Medium
R5	The user shall be able to set recurring tasks.	Medium
R6	The user shall be able to set reminders for tasks.	Low

Table 3: Requirement items from previous report

5.5 Conclusion

Overall, it was a nice experience to do project with the team. Working with experienced programmers with relatively newbies was slightly challenging because the gap in knowledge was too huge and it was hard to keep up, but at the same time it gave a rewarding experience to work with completely new frameworks, new programming

language, and new development environment. For the next project it would be nice to have more frequent discussions in the team, because the more we talk, the fewer misunderstandings and conflicts we'll have regarding the work. Clearer objectives would be created and members wouldn't be awkward to asking for help in the case of problems.

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