

Cougar Planner Project Outline

0) Files and formats

.profile (key=value; defaults shown; keep keys exactly as written)

Parameter	Default values	Description/Values
authToken	empty	Token or empty
orientationCompleted	false	
storeData	true	"true" to write CSVs locally; "false" to never write local data
storeToken	true	"true": token stored in .profile; "false": user re-enters at launch
weekStart	monday	Monday or Sunday
defaultView	week	Week or Day
openTo	current_week	Current week or last Viewed week
defaultSort.mode	date_time	YYYY-MM-DD
defaultSort.difficulty Order	ascending	Descending means things due much later are shown first instead
showRefreshCountdown	false	True shows a timer somewhere for when the app will refresh again
lastViewedWeekStart		Date for the last viewed week if they chose this option

lastViewedDay		Same as above but for day
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Local data (CSV; one file per entity, lowercase snake_case headers)

`courses.csv`

- `course_id`
- `course_name`

`assignments.csv`

- `assignment_id`
- `course_id`
- `assignment_name`
- `due_date` (YYYY-MM-DD or empty)
- `due_time` (HH:MM or empty)
- `difficulty` (1|2|3|4|5 or empty)

`announcements.csv`

- `announcement_id`
- `course_id`
- `title`
- `posted_at` (YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM)
- `body` (optional; may be empty)

1) Orientation (first run)

- **Intro:** Explain a Canvas token is required and how to get it.
- **Token entry:** Single plain-text input.
- **Required warning (group can finalize exact text):**
 “Your Canvas token is stored in plain text in a local file. Anyone with access to this device could use it. You are responsible for keeping it safe.”

- **Choices (show short descriptions when choosing an option for each setting):**
 - Week start: Sunday | Monday
 - Open to: Current week | Last viewed week
 - Default view: Week | Day
 - Default sort: Date→Time or Difficulty (Asc/Desc)
 - Store token: Yes (keep in `.profile`) | No (user re-enters at launch)
 - Store data (offline): Yes (`storeData=true`) | No (`storeData=false`)
 - Show refresh countdown: Yes | No
 - Write `.profile` (put `authToken` on the **first line**) and set `orientationCompleted=true`.
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2) Launch decision tree (every run)

1. Read `.profile`. If file missing or `orientationCompleted!=true` → go to Orientation.
2. If `storeToken=true` and `authToken` is empty → **Token-Missing** screen:
Message: token not found; enter a token or proceed offline (if any data exists).
Actions: Enter Token, Continue Offline.
3. If `storeToken=false` → **Enter Token** screen
Actions: Enter Token, Continue Offline.
4. Otherwise → **Main app**:
 - If `openTo=current_week`: compute current week bounds (system timezone) and open.
 - If `openTo=last_viewed`: open stored week/day if present; else fallback to current week.

3) Main app behavior

3.1 Navigation

- Week/Day toggle; Prev / Today / Next.
- Prev/Next jumps exactly one week (or one day).
- Today jumps to the week/day containing “now”.
- Two tabs: **Announcements** and **Assignments**.

3.2 Announcements

- Week view: show those posted within the selected week.
- Day view: show those posted on the selected day.

3.3 Assignments

- Show assignments for the selected period (Week/Day).
- Inline difficulty editor (1–5). If `storeData=true`, save/update to `assignments.csv`.

4) Sorting rules (simplified and consistent)

4.1 Date→Time

Order by:

1. `due_date` ascending (empty dates go **last**)
2. `due_time` ascending within the same date (empty times go **last**)

3. `course_name` A→Z
4. `assignment_name` A→Z

4.2 Difficulty (Asc/Desc) → Date/Time

Order by:

1. `difficulty` (Asc or Desc per `defaultSort.difficultyOrder`; empty difficulty goes last)
 2. `due_date` ascending (empty dates last)
 3. `due_time` ascending (empty times last)
 4. `course_name` A→Z
 5. `assignment_name` A→Z
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5) Refresh & “changes since last open”

- A background refresh runs every **15 minutes** while the app is open.
(No manual refresh; no refresh immediately on open.)
 - After a successful refresh, compute **new items count** compared to the last snapshot.
“New” = items whose IDs were not present in the prior snapshot.
 - If count > 0, show a **changes summary** (name/appearance is a [Group decision]).
If count == 0, show nothing.
 - Update the snapshot.
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6) Data fetch policy (clear & predictable)

6.1 Initial and routine fetching

- **On first open after Orientation:** fetch **current week only**.
- **On navigation to a week:** if we haven't fetched that week before in this session, fetch it **once** (and cache to CSV if `storeData=true`).
- **On each 15-minute refresh:** fetch and sync **current week + future weeks only**

6.2 When an assignment's due date moves

- Because we always fetch current/future on the 15-minute loop, a moved assignment into current/future will appear with its new `due_at`.
 - We **upsert by ID** in `assignments.csv` (update fields; **preserve difficulty**).
 - We **do not** auto re-fetch old/past weeks.
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7) Networking & errors (user-facing behavior)

- **Invalid/missing token (401/403 or blank):** show a banner with an action to Enter Token. Pause further requests until fixed.
 - **No internet:** show a banner.
 - If `storeData=true`: show saved CSV data.
 - If `storeData=false`: lists are empty with an explanatory message.
 - **Rate limiting (429):** wait 60 seconds, retry once quietly; otherwise let the next 15-minute refresh recover.
 - **Timeouts/5xx:** treat like "No internet" for the user; recover on the next cycle.
 - **Security warning placement (required, wording [Group decision]):**
Next to token entry in Orientation, and next to token input when **Change Token** is used in Settings.
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8) Settings (mirrors Orientation; no extras)

- Week start: Sunday | Monday
 - Open to: Current week | Last viewed
 - Default view: Week | Day
 - Default sort: Date→Time or Difficulty (Asc/Desc)
 - Store token: Yes/No (token never displayed)
 - Store data: Yes/No
 - Show refresh countdown: Yes/No
 - **Change Token:** plain text input; overwrite `.profile authToken` on save
 - **Delete Token:** clear `authToken` in `.profile` (confirm first)
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9) Merge logic

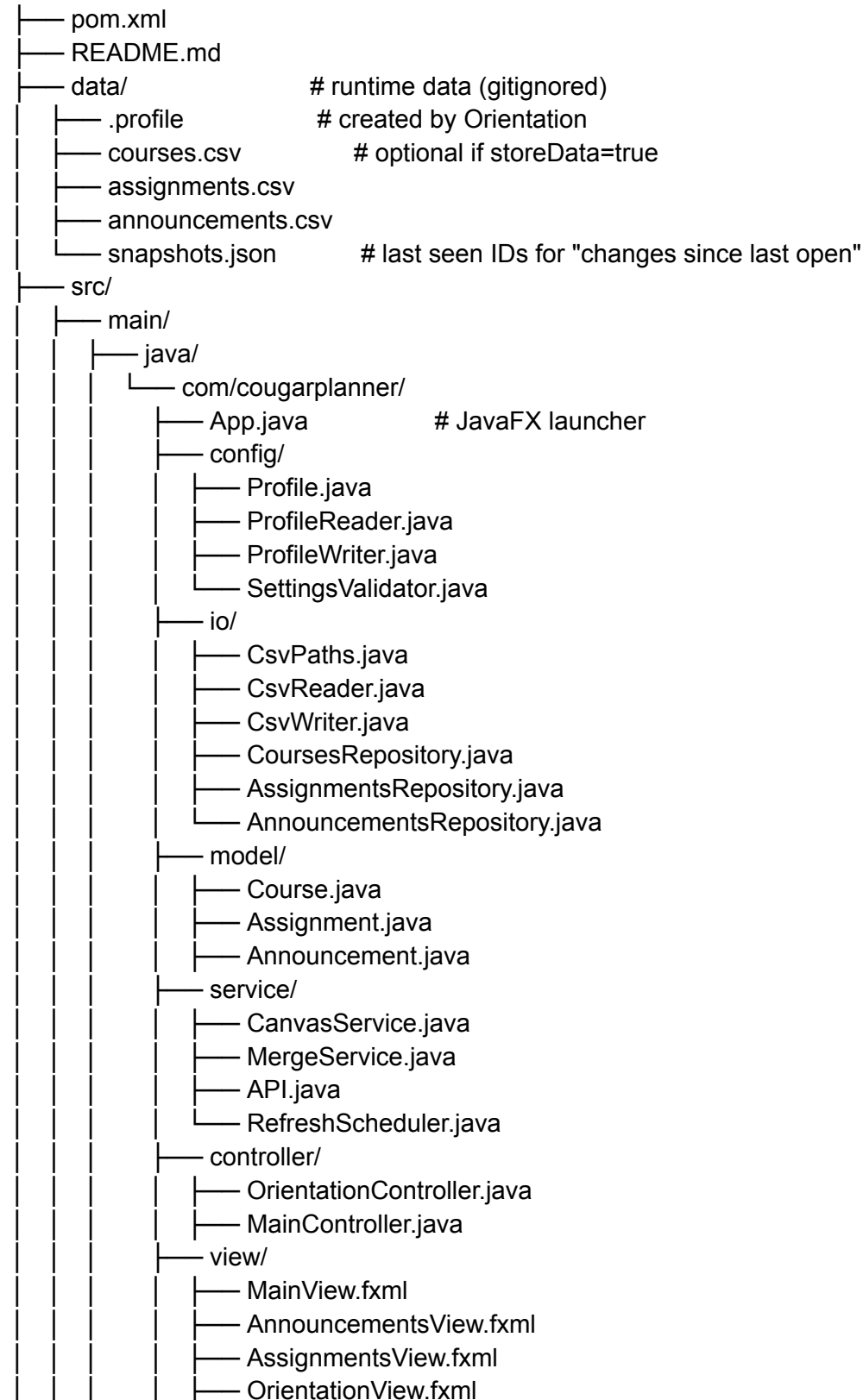
- On any fetch, for each returned item (**by ID**):
 - **If ID exists** in CSV: update its fields with latest from API.
 - **If ID does not exist:** append a new row.
 - **Never** duplicate rows.
 - `difficulty` is local; **do not overwrite** it during updates (only change if the user edits it in the UI).
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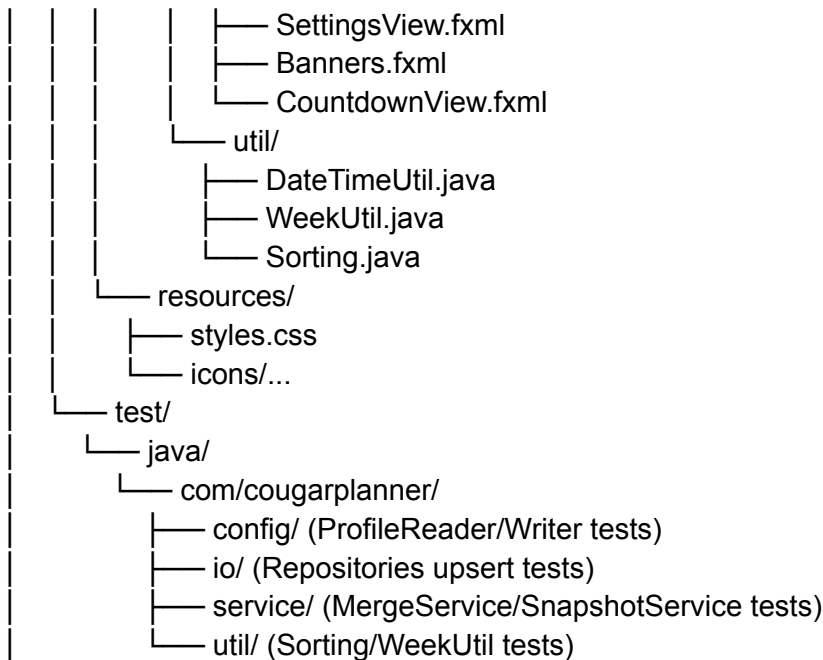
10) Task ordering for implementation (top-down, matches user flow)

1. **File I/O utilities:** read/write `.profile`; read/write CSVs (append, update by ID).
2. **Orientation screens:** including Review & Confirm + token warning placement.
3. **Launch controller:** implement the decision tree.
4. **Canvas Service:** minimal fetch for a given week range; parse → DTOs → CSV upsert.
5. **Main view:** Week/Day toggle; Prev/Today/Next; render Announcements + Assignments.
6. **Sorting:** implement the simplified Date→Time and Difficulty modes exactly as specified.
7. **Difficulty editor:** inline stars; write to CSV (if `storeData=true`).
8. **Auto-refresh timer:** 15-minute loop; compute “new items count”; show summary only if > 0 ([Group decision] for appearance).
9. **Past navigation fetch:** on navigating to any week not yet fetched this session, fetch it once (covers past weeks **on demand**).
10. **Settings:** mirror Orientation choices; Change/Delete Token (plain text); no token display.

File tree for visualization

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High-level packages

- **config** – **.profile** loading/writing/validation
- **io** – CSV paths, readers/writers, repositories (upsert by ID)
- **model** – domain classes (Course, Assignment, Announcement) + enums
- **service** – Canvas fetch, merging, snapshots, refresh scheduler
- **controller** – Orientation/Launch/Main/Settings flows
- **view** – JavaFX UI (FXML or code-only panes)
- **util** – time, week ranges, sorting comparators, small helpers

Key classes (what each is responsible for)

config/

- **Profile** – in-memory representation of **.profile** (all fields as strings; helpers to get parsed booleans/dates).
- **ProfileReader** – read **.profile**, trim whitespace, fill defaults.
- **ProfileWriter** – write **.profile** atomically with **authToken** on first line.

- `SettingsValidator` – ensure values \in allowed sets; return warnings + sanitized copy.

io/

- `CsvPaths` – centralizes file locations (`data/courses.csv`, etc.).
- `CsvReader` – generic CSV \rightarrow list of maps (handles empty fields).
- `CsvWriter` – generic writer (append/overwrite, atomic write).
- `CoursesRepository` – read/all, upsert by `course_id`.
- `AssignmentsRepository` – read/all, query by week/day, **upsert by `assignment_id`** (preserve `difficulty`).
- `AnnouncementsRepository` – read/all, query by week/day, upsert by `announcement_id`.

model/

- `Course` – `course_id`, `course_name`.
- `Assignment` – `assignment_id`, `course_id`, `assignment_name`, `due_date`, `due_time`, `difficulty`.
- `Announcement` – `announcement_id`, `course_id`, `title`, `posted_at`, `body`.
- `SortMode` – `DATE_TIME`, `DIFFICULTY`.
- `DifficultyOrder` – `ASCENDING`, `DESCENDING`.
- `WeekStart` – `SUNDAY`, `MONDAY`.
- `DefaultView` – `WEEK`, `DAY`.
- `OpenTo` – `CURRENT_WEEK`, `LAST_VIEWED`.

service/

- `CanvasService` – fetch current/selected week; map JSON \rightarrow `model` objects.
- `MergeService` – **idempotent upsert by ID**; never duplicates; preserve assignment `difficulty`.
- `RefreshScheduler` – 15-minute loop; pause/resume on app focus; triggers Canvas fetch + merge + snapshot compare.

controller/

- `OrientationController` – token entry + security warning; settings UI; Review & Confirm → writes `.profile`.
- `MainController` – parent for tabs; wires data providers for current Day/Week; owns navigation state.

view/ (names are suggestions; you can use FXML or code)

- `MainView.fxml` / `MainView.java` – shell with tabs (Announcements, Assignments), toolbar (Week/Day, Prev/Today/Next).
`AnnouncementsView.fxml` – table/list with `posted_at`.
- `AssignmentsView.fxml` – table/list with `due_date/time`, inline difficulty stars.
- `OrientationView.fxml` – token + choices + Review page.
- `SettingsView.fxml` – same choices + Change/Delete Token.
- `Banners.fxml` – reusable error/info banners (token missing, offline, rate limit).
- `CountdownView.fxml` – optional refresh countdown widget.

util/

- `DateTimeUtil` – parse/format `YYYY-MM-DD, HH:MM`; “empty goes last” helpers.
- `WeekUtil` – compute week range from `WeekStart` + a `LocalDate`.
- `Sorting` – two comparators: `Date→Time`; `Difficulty→Date/Time` (exact spec).
- `Either` / small result types – optional; neat error handling without exceptions.
- `Csv` small helpers – quoting/escaping if needed.