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1. Introduction

The NetFlow Traffic Simulator software system provides functionality that will allow Mayor Mann to more efficiently conduct city planning/design. Due to ever tightening budget restraints and the increased emphasis on logistics it was deemed necessary to develop a simulator that will allow the city to develop more efficient designs.

The new IMS system is a Java-based Object-Oriented design that allows for more efficient data handling for the client. This new system will provide a new way to monitor and manage invoices that will replace the old legacy system.

1.1 Purpose of this Document

This document aims to describe the detailed system design, architecture, and interface of the Traffic Simulator. Detailed descriptions are given including those of individual components and subsystems.

1.2 Design goals

The overall design goal for this project was to allow Mayor Mann to run multiple simulations of traffic flows based on different combinations of traffic components (stop lights, stop signs) throughout the city. This will allow him to find the optimal placement of said components in order to get cars to their destinations as quickly as possible.

1.1 Design trade-offs

It was decided to allow the maps to be created dynamically via a .csv file that will allow for less software overhead and more consistency. Database connectivity wasn't chosen to minimize connectivity issues and redundancy but could limit future scaling.

1.2 Interface documentation guidelines

- Classes are named with singular nouns.
- Methods are named with verb phrases, fields, and parameters with noun phrases.
- Error status is returned via an exception, not a return value.

1.3 Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

OOP: Programming language model organized around objects rather than “actions” and data rather than logics

UML: Diagram based on the UML (Unified Modeling language) with the purpose of visually representing a system along with its main actors, role.

Intersection: An area shared by two or more roads.

Tile: a smallest countable unit on the City Boost simulation map.

GUI: Graphical User Interface.

Time thread: the smallest sequence of programmed instruction that can be managed independently by a scheduler.

Turn: Action that each car agents will take at the intersection

1.4 References

<https://searchmicroservices.techtarget.com/definition/object-oriented-programming-OOP>

<https://tallyfy.com/uml-diagram/>

1.5 Overview

The hope is that the NetFlow Traffic Simulator System will become an efficient, portable, and scalable tool for more efficient city design that can be hosted online which would allow this resource to be shared with other cities as well.

2 Current Software Architecture

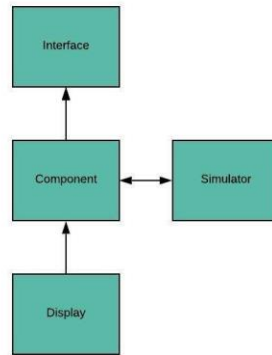
3. Proposed Software Architecture

3.1 Overview

The proposed system incorporates the Model, View, Controller design pattern. The User (Mayor Mann) interacts through the console (Controller) while the Map object with its individual traffic components (Model) contains the relevant data. The data and its resulting statistics from the model can be viewed via the Report class (View).

3.2 Subsystem decomposition

The proposed system is broken down into 4 parts: Interface, Display, Component, and Simulator. The architecture model is shown graphically below.



System Model-view-control architecture

The Interface subsystem will be able to load the map data, and get the initial statistic query of specific objects which comes from user inputs. So, the two main purposes for this subsystem are reading data from user inputs and provide an interface to load map data and manipulate traffic components.

The Component subsystem will be able to store the position of multiple cars moving on the map.

The purpose of Simulator subsystem is to control events. It will recognize different conditions that may affect moving cars, get changes under these different events, and finally be able to update the changes of cars position to Component subsystem.

The Display subsystem will be able to show live statistic report of each car, and live map with moving cars. It will also be able to generate final report of running time when all iterations end.

The architecture we chose is MVC, Model, View, Controller. Because our application can be simply separate into these parts. Interface will be the Controller, where it accepts the data from user input. Component and Simulator will work as the Model, where do the management of data. Display subsystem is View to show final report. The advantages to do this way are, first, it will be low coupling. For example, even we changed the input from users in Model (Interface), the way we manage our data in Component and Simulator will still be same. Second, because of low coupling, it makes easier to for our team to code these subsystems simultaneously.

3.3 Hardware/software mapping

Our program should work on any platform supporting JAVA. There's no hardware requirement for our program.

Input/ Output Performance:

Rate to update the map will depend on the number of traffic components. Suppose the user set more cars moving on the map at the same time, the program will take longer to update the map.

Processor Allocation:

The Interface and Display subsystems will take place on the user's workstation. Simulation and Component will be able to operate on any machines provided.

3.4 Persistent data management

Our system will store all pixel of the map, cars, and traffic component information. The memory size will be dependent on number of cars, number of traffic components, and size of the map from user inputs.

3.5 Access control and security

The design goal for our project was to run multiple simulations of traffic flows and get the best combinations of traffic components. There's no potential security issue we must take care about.

3.6 Global software control

The initiated requests of our program will be the user loading his CSV file of traffic component combinations and car information. The connection between Component and Simulator subsystems will take care about synchronized objects. The changes of every traffic component will be handled in Simulator and update synchronously and store in Simulator. The system should follow the synchronous sequence, started from Interface, and then go to Component, which also interact with Simulator, finally go to Display subsystem.

3.7 Boundary conditions

The start-up boundary is whenever the user loads his CSV file with the information about number of cars, position of cars, and combination of traffic lights and stop signs.

The shutdown boundary is whenever the user decided to press stop and change combinations of traffic lights and stop signs. It will restart our program then.

The final shutdown boundary is when every car reaches the destination and system shows final report of traffic flow.

Error behaviors are whenever users have invalid inputs, for example, the traffic component is out of map.

4. Subsystem Services

The Interface subsystem will provide traffic components information from user input. The Simulator subsystem will provide how these traffic components get change under different conditions. The Component subsystem depends on these two subsystems will be able to store the information of traffic components, and then offer these to Display subsystem. Display subsystem will finally generate the live statistic report based on the data we got from the Component subsystem.

5. Class Interfaces

Package java.simulator

Provide class necessary to create simulation and classes that simulation use to communicate with its context.

Interface Summary

Interface	Description
Report	Simple abstraction for display summary report of all traffic component.

Class Summary

Class	Description
Simulator	Program that is intended to be running on it owns. This class initialize a full traffic simulation
Console	This Abstract class provide user the necessary interface to the Simulator.
CLI	CLI(Command Line Interface) is an implementation of Console. This class provide user with command line interface with the simulator
GUI	GUI(Graphic user interface) is an implementation of Console. This class provide user with graphic user interface with the simulator
Display	Display class provide visualization for all TrafficComponent classes

Class detail description

interface Report

public interface Report

The methods in this interface can be used by a Display to obtain information about its environment.

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	Report(String type) Constructs a Console object given a type of interface, GUI or CLI

Method summary

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
Simulator	<code>getSimulator(String name)</code> Find and return the Simulator in the user environment represented by this simulator context with a given name
Int	<code>getTotalTime()</code> return the current timer of the simulation
String	<code>FinalReport()</code> Return information across all field in the simulator environment

Method Detail

getSimulator

Simulator `getSimulator(String name)`

Find and return the Simulator in the user environment represented by this simulator context with a given name

Parameters:

- name: a Simulator name

Returns:

- Simulator with given name, or null if not Found

getTotalTime

Simulator `getSimulator(String name)`

Return current timer of the simulator

Returns:

- Return current time of the simulation

FinalReport

void `FinalReport()`

return information across all field in the simulation environment

Returns:

- String include detail info of all traffic component and agent

Class Simulation

Program that is intended to be running on it owns. This class initializes a full traffic simulation

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	Simulation(String type) Constructs a Console object given a type of interface, GUI or CLI

Method Summary

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
Console	getConsole(String id) Find and return the Console in the user environment represented by this simulator context with a given id
Void	StartSimulation() Start a timer and events in simulation
Void	restartSimulation() Restart all field in simulation environment
String	stopSimulation() stop timer and events in simulation
Simulator	LoadSimulation(String filename) Load previously saved field and status simulation

Method Detail

getConsole

Console getConsole(String id)

Find and return the Console in the user environment represented by this simulator context with a given id Parameters.

- id: Console id

Returns:

- Console with given id, or null if not Found

StartSimulation

Void startSimulation()

Start timer and events in simulation

restartSimulation

void restartSimulation()

restarts all field in simulation

stopSimulation

void stopSimulation()

stop all events and timer in simulation

saveSimulation

Void saveSimulation(String filename)

save all field and status of a simulation to a json format

Parameters:

- filename: filename that one would like to save the simulation status at.

loadSimulation

void loadSimulation(String filename)

load previously saved field and simulation status

Parameters:

- filename: file path to the previously saved status

Abstract class Console

Public abstract class Console

This class provide user the necessary interface to the Simulator.

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	Console(String type) Constructs a Console object given a type of interface, GUI or CLI

Methods Summary

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	displayHelp() Display user interface help
Void	run(String command) Run a an interactive command

Class CLI

public class CLI

CLI(Command Line Interface) is an implementation of Console. This class provide user with command line interface with the simulator

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	CLI(int width, int height) Constructs a Command line interface window objects given width and height

Methods Summary

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	displayHelp() Display user interface help
Void	run(String command) Run a an interactive command

Class GUI

public class GUI

CLI(Command Line Interface) is an implementation of Console. This class provide user with command line interface with the simulator Command Line Interface) is an implementation of Console. This class provide user with command line interface with the simulator Command Line Interface) is an implementation of Console.

Constructors	
Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	CLI(int width, int height) Constructs a Command line interface window objects given width and height

Methods Summary	
Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	displayHelp() Display user interface help
Void	run(String command) Run an interactive command

Class Display

public class Display implement Report

Constructors	
Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	Display(int width, int height) Constructs a Display object given a width and height of the screen

Methods Summary	
Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	displayMap() Display map to the screen
Void	displayTrafficComponent(String command) display and update the simulation on window

Package java.trafficcomponent

Provide Objects component for Simulator class.

Class summary

Class	Description
Car	Car class is used to serve as an agents that interact in the simulator
Map	Map class save all necessary traffic component coordinate.
Tile	Tile Abstract Class is a smallest countable unit that make up a Map in the simulation
Ground	Ground class is an implementation of Tile class that specifies a ground tile
Road	Road class is an implementation of Tile class that specifies a road tile
Intersection	Intersection abstract class is an implementation of Tile class that specifies a intersection tile
TrafficLight	TrafficLight class is an implementation of the abstract Intersection specifies a traffilight intersection
StopSign	StopSign class is an implementation of the abstract Intersection specifies a StopSign intersection

Class Car

Car class represent agent in the simulator

Fields summary

Modifier and Type	Field and Description
private int[2]	start Indicate starting position of an agent on the simulation map
private int[2]	Stop Indicate the stoping position of an agent on the simulation map
Private int[2]	position Indicate the current position of the agent on the map
Private int	initialSpeed speed that car move after stop
private char	direction Direction of an agent on the map
Private int	timerIncrement timer that each agent will hold
Private String	state state of the agent, agent can be moving, idleing at an intersection,.. possible state: "start", "stopsign", "intersection", "moving".

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
protected	Car(int[2] start, int[2] stop, int[2] position) Constructs a Car objects that will be display on Simulation map by Display class

Methods summary

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	move() update position of the car base on the speed and timer
void	updateIncrement() update timer
String	getAttr() return necessary report information for Report Interface to be displayed

Class Map

Map of the simulation

Fields summary

Modifier and Type	Field and Description
private int	pixelSize size of smallest countable unit on the simulation map
protected ArrayList	carList keeps track of all agent in the simulator
private int[][]	2d Matrix keeps track of all tile represent the whole simulation map
Protected ArrayList	componentList Keep track of all traffic component object in the simulator
private int	distanceBetween2Pix account for distance in mph mapping to the simulation

Constructors

Modifier	Constructor and Description
public	Map(int pixelSize, int numWidth, int numHeight) Constructs a Map objects that represent all subunit of the simulation. Given pixelSize, number of pixel in x and y -axis.

Methods

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	loadComponent(String filePath) load Traffic component given a '.csv' or '.JSON' file with all component info such as location and state
void	loadMap(String filePath) load all Tile on Map given a 'csv' or 'json' file with type of tile indicate as a string at each locaiton
void	startTimer() start the timer of the simulation
Void	updateTrafficTimer() This operation will update all traffic component and agent timer

6. Detailed Design

UML Class diagram:

Abstract class Console will be the interface to run user command, and it implements CLI (Command Line Interface) and GUI (Graphic Line Interface) classes.

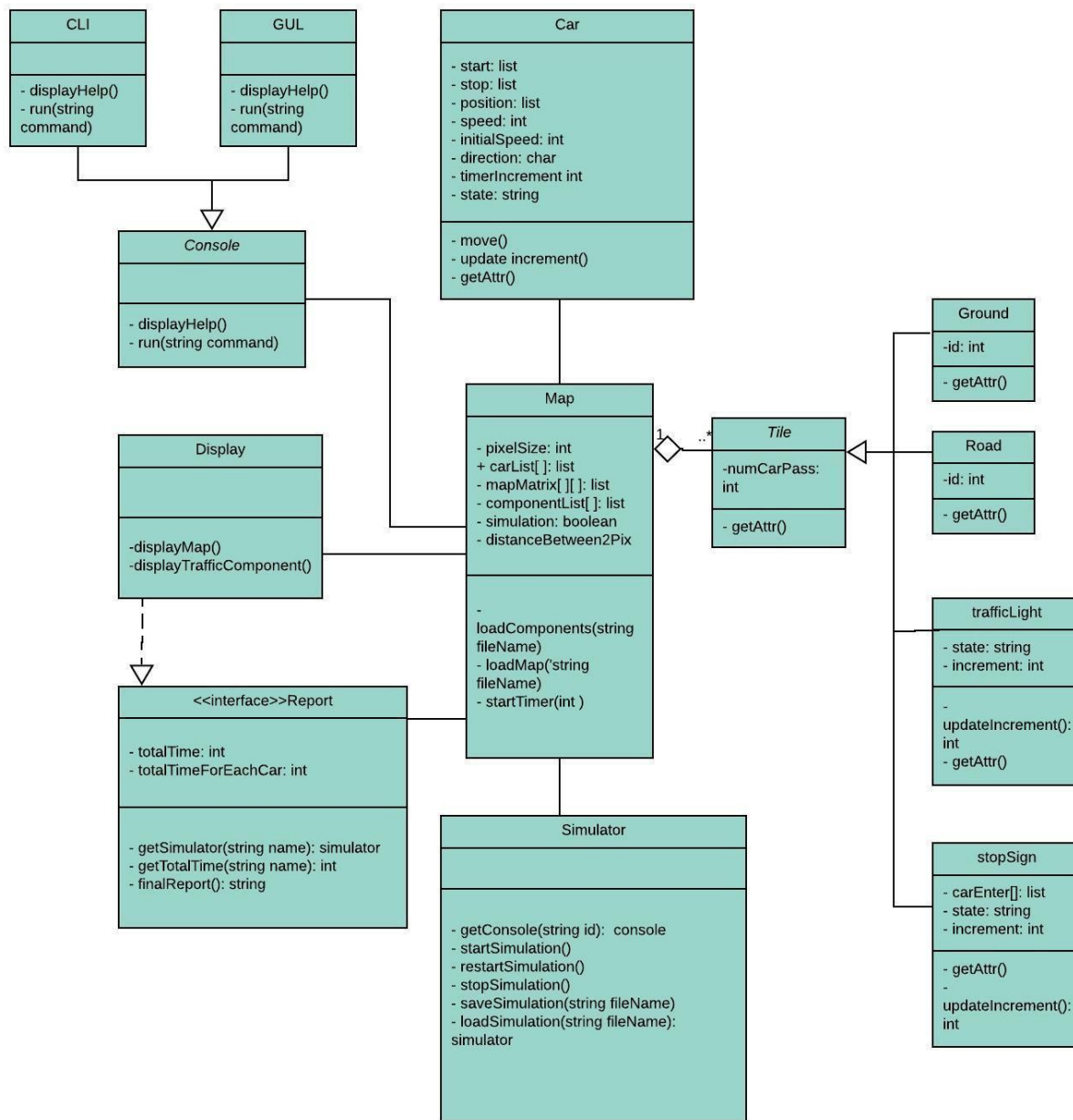
Car class will have basic information of every car component.

One Map will have multiple Tiles, which is an abstract class. A tile could be either ground, road, or intersections (traffic light or stop sign).

Interface report will show the statistic report of each car running time and final statistic report based on different combinations of traffic components. The Display class will show live map and traffic object on map.

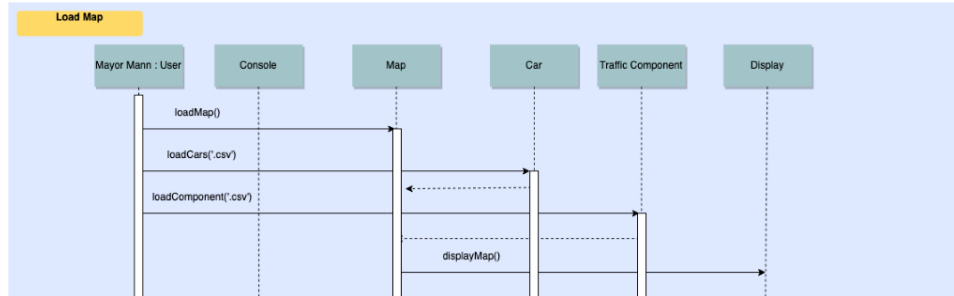
Simulator will be our main class. It will be the event controller to deal with the change to every cars under different conditions.

Car, Simulator, Console, Display and Report will be associated with Map. Map has a public attribute to get carList, and it will be shared to every other associated classes.



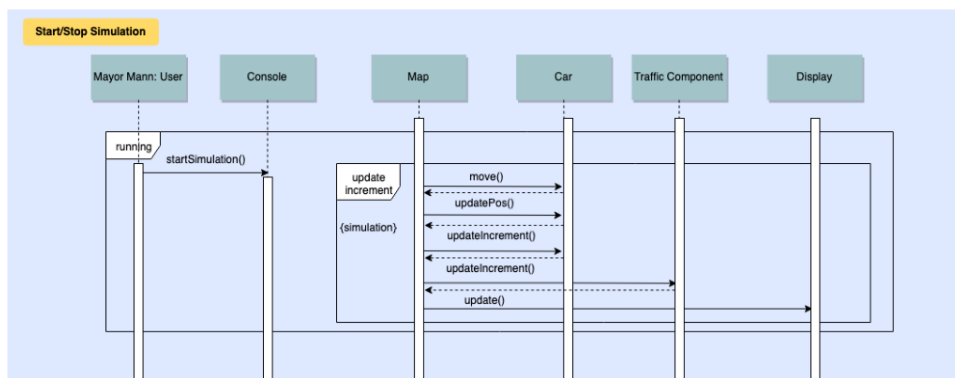
Use Case: Load Map

To load the map along with its traffic components, the User Mayor Mann first makes a call to the function, 'loadMap(String filePath)'. Next, he loads the cars and traffic components via their '.csv' files. These calls return the car and component objects back to the Map object, which then can display the loaded map to the user.



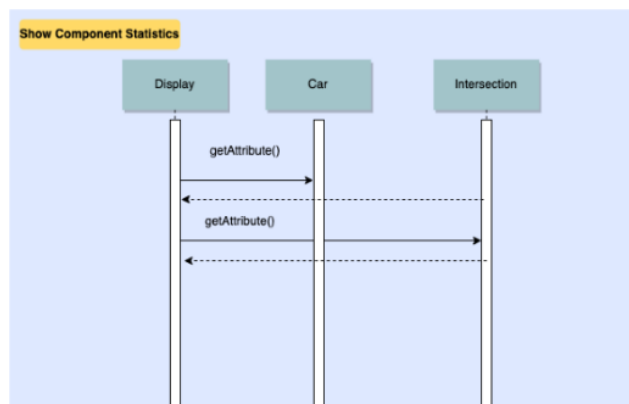
Use Case: Start/Stop Simulation

The user chooses to start the simulation by either pressing a button or entering a command via the console which enters the 'running' loop and calls `'startSimulation()'`. This starts incrementing the timer/counter which will be used to determine the position of all cars on the map and the timing for the traffic components.



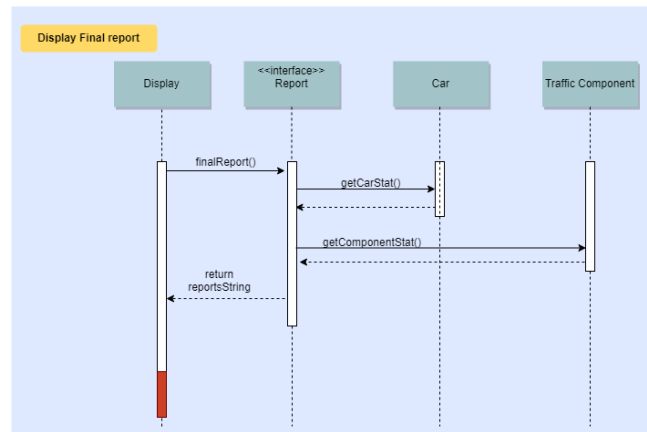
Use Case: Show Component Statistics

To show live statistics, the Display class will make calls to the `'getAttribute()'` function of both Car and Intersection (Traffic Component) respectively and display the results to the User.



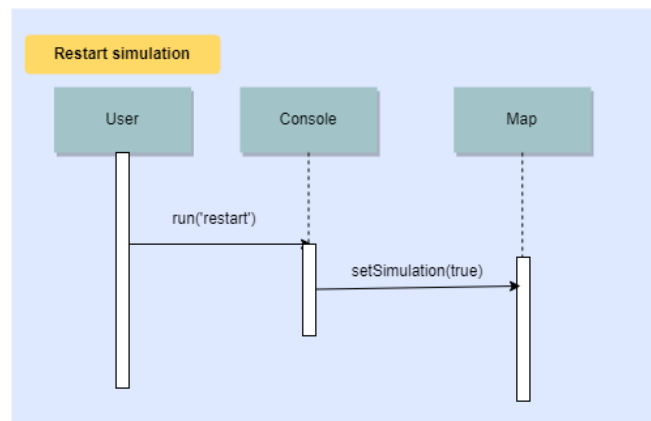
Use Case: Display Final Report

To display the final report, the display calls finalReport from the Report Interface which retrieves the car and traffic component statistics via 'getCarStat()' and 'getComponentStat()' functions respectively. The returned attributes to the Report Interface is coalesced and returned as a string to the Display.



Use Case: Display report

Once all cars reach their destination it is considered over. The user can also choose to end the simulation early. To restart a simulation, the User either presses a restart button or enters a restart command via the console. This sets the simulation condition to true which reenters the simulation running loop.



Usecase: Restart simulation.

7. Glossary