# **CZ1003 Mini Project**

Real Time Canteen Information System



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# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

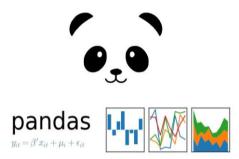
Who are we? What do we hope to achieve?



A team, consisting of Jeremy, Joshua and Ernest, designed a real-time NTU North Spine Canteen information system application.

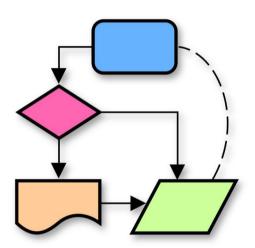
The program was written in **Python** with **Tkinter** and **Pandas**.





## **Chapter 2: Program Design**

Algorithm Design, Program Run-through, File Handling



## 2.1 Algorithm Design

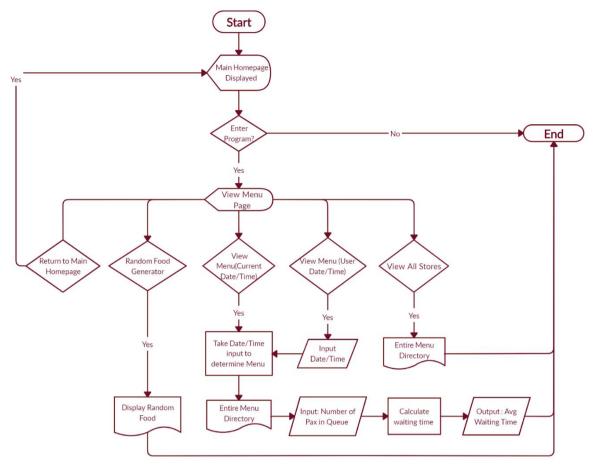


Fig 1.1 Flowchart

Users can view available food options based on either current system's date/time or user-specified date/time. Essential canteen information such as price and operating hours are also displayed.

## 2.2 Data Storage

| A  | A            | В               | C                  | D          | E                   | F                  |
|----|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Store Name   | Operating Hours | Food Item          | Price (\$) | Availability (Time) | Availability (Day) |
| 2  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000     | Wanton Mee         | \$3.00     | AM & PM             | Everyday           |
| 3  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000     | Dumpling Mee       | \$3.80     | AM & PM             | Monday             |
| 4  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000     | Bar Chor Mee       | \$1.00     | AM & PM             | Wednesday          |
| 5  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000     | Tomyam Noodle      | \$2.50     | AM & PM             | Everyday           |
| 6  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000     | Laksa Noodle       | \$2.80     | AM & PM             | Everyday           |
| 7  | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000     | Chicken Rice       | \$2.50     | AM & PM             | Everyday           |
| 8  | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000     | Roast Chicken Rice | \$2.50     | AM & PM             | Everyday           |
| 9  | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000     | Char Siew Rice     | \$3.00     | PM                  | Everyday           |
| 10 | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000     | Roasted Meat Rice  | \$3.00     | PM                  | Everyday           |
| 11 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000     | Breakfast set 1    | \$3.50     | AM                  | Everyday           |
| 12 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000     | Breakfast set 2    | \$3.50     | AM                  | Friday             |
| 13 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000     | Chicken Chop       | \$5.00     | PM                  | Everyday           |
| 14 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000     | Fish and Chips     | \$5.00     | PM                  | Everyday           |
| 15 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000     | Steak              | \$7.00     | PM                  | Monday             |

Fig 1.2 Excel file

|    | Store Name O | perating Hours | Food Item F        | rice (\$) | Availability (T | ime) | Availability (Day) |
|----|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 0  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000    | Wanton Mee         | \$3.00    | AM 8            | R PM | Everyday           |
|    | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000    | Dumpling Mee       | \$3.80    | AM .            | R PM | Monday             |
| 2  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000    | Bar Chor Mee       | \$1.00    | AM S            | R PM | Wednesday          |
|    | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000    | Tomyam Noodle      | \$2.50    | AM 8            | R PM | Everyday           |
| 4  | Yong Tau Foo | 0800 - 2000    | Laksa Noodle       | \$2.80    | AM .            | R PM | Everyday           |
|    | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000    | Chicken Rice       | \$2.50    | AM .            | R PM | Everyday           |
|    | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000    | Roast Chicken Rice | \$2.50    | AM .            | R PM | Everyday           |
|    | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000    | Char Siew Rice     | \$3.00    |                 | PM   | Everyday           |
| 3  | Chicken Rice | 0800 - 2000    | Roasted Meat Rice  | \$3.00    |                 | PM   | Everyday           |
|    | Western Food | 6800 - 2000    | Breakfast set 1    | \$3.50    |                 | AM   | Everyday           |
| 10 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000    | Breakfast set 2    | \$3.50    |                 | AM   | Friday             |
| 11 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000    | Chicken Chop       | \$5.00    |                 | PM   | Everyday           |
| 12 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000    | Fish and Chips     | \$5.00    |                 | PM   | Everyday           |
| В  | Western Food | 0800 - 2000    | Steak              | \$7.00    |                 | PM   | Monday             |
| 14 | Western Food | 0800 - 2000    | Lamb Chop          | \$7.50    |                 | PM   | Wednesday          |
| 15 | Western Food | 6880 - 2000    | Bangers and Mash   | \$4.00    |                 | PM   | Friday             |

Fig 1.4 Dataframe



Fig 1.3 Code for storing/sorting the Dataframe

```
Canteen Directory

Canteen Directory

STORE No. 16.01 2000

Warforn Mere 23.00

Warforn Mere 31.00

AN AR PM Everyday

Western Food 0800 - 2000

Chicken Rice 0800 - 2000

Western Food 0800 - 2000

Sanjania Rich School - 2000

Sanjania Rich School - 2000

Mill Wok 0800 - 2000

Sanjania Rich School - 2000

Sanjania Rich School - 2000

Orna Rice 33.00

PM Everyday

Western Food 0800 - 2000

Sanjania Rich School - 2000

Mill Wok 0800 - 2000

Sanjania Ricken School - 2000

Orna Rice 33.00

PM Everyday

PM Everyday

Western Food 0800 - 2000

Sanjania Ricken School - 2000

Sanjania Ricken School - 2000

Orna Rice 33.50

Orna Ricken School - 2000

Orna Ricken School - 2000
```

Fig 1.5 Canteen information GUI

The canteen information is stored in an excel file (Fig 1.2), converted into a dataframe (Fig 1.4) using the pandas library (Fig 1.3) and displayed to users (Fig 1.5).

## 2.3 Welcome Page



Fig 1.6 Welcome Page GUI



Fig 1.7 Welcome Page Code

Beginning with a welcome page, the canteen's operating hours and the current system's date and time are displayed. Users can access the View Menu page or exit the program.

## 2.4 View Menu Page



Fig 1.8 View Menu Page GUI

Fig 1.9 View Menu Page code

Users can either return to the welcome page or view the menu based on :

- 1. Current system's date and time
- 2. User-defined date and time
- View entire menu.

#### 2.4.1 View Menu - "Use current date and time"

The menu sorting function (Fig 1.3) filters the dataframe based on current date/time. A new window will display the food options available and the store with the shortest queue.



Fig 2.0 Sorted Menu GUI (i)



Fig 2.1 Sorted Menu GUI (ii)

Upon clicking the store icon, the store's menu will be displayed along with a function to calculate the average waiting time specific to that stall since different stalls have different waiting time per person.



Fig 2.2 Waiting Time GUI

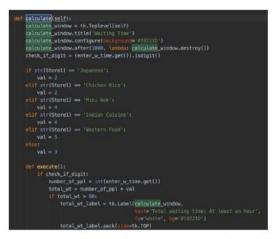


Fig 2.3 Waiting Time Function GUI

#### Possible scenarios:

- 1. Valid input
  - Total waiting time (minutes) = number of people in the queue (user input) \* waiting time per person for that store (Fig 2.2).
- 2. Invalid input (non-integer, no input)
  - If '.isdigit()' is false, return error message.
- 3. Illogical input (100000 number of people in queue)
  - Return 'Waiting time at least an hour' when total waiting time exceeds 60

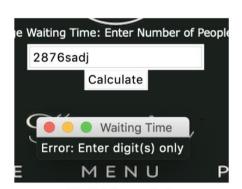


Fig 2.4 Scenario 1



Fig 2.4.1 Scenario/Error Handling for user input

### 2.4.2 View Menu - "Use personalised date and time"

A new window opens, requesting user input for date and time.

Possible scenarios:

- 1. No input
  - Return 'No input detected'
- 2. Only time input
  - Return 'Date input missing'
- 3. Only date input
  - Return 'Time input missing'
- 4. Invalid date/time input
  - a. User inputs date in the wrong format
  - b. User inputs time in the wrong format
  - c. User input date and time in the wrong format
    - Return 'improper format, re-enter date and/or time' for 4a 4c
- 5. Valid input
  - Returns specific menu, details seen in 2.4.1

Fig 2.5.1 Scenario/Error Handling for user input

#### 2.4.3 View Entire Menu



Fig 2.6 Full Menu GUI

Each column of the dataframe (Fig 2.6) is converted into a string label. These labels are then packed and displayed in a window for users to view.

### 2.5.1 Additional Function 1 - Random Food Generator (RFG)

```
# Random Food Generator Function

def random_Food (day). timel.numl, framel=None):
    menul = (menu_display_final(dsy=dsy1, tim=timel))
    rand_fd = menu_display_final(dsy=dsy1, tim=timel))
    rand_fd = menu_display_final(dsy=dsy1, tim=timel))

def structured_menu(framel):
    store_name_list = rand_fd['Store Name'].to_string(index=False)
    food_item_list = rand_fd['Frice (itm').to_string(index=False)
    price_list = rand_fd['Frice (sy'].to_string(index=False)
    labell = tk.Label(framel, text=store_name_list, (gm=white", bgm=#8000000')
    labell.place(d=000, w=380. anchore*center')
    label2 = tk.Label(framel, text=food_stem_list, (gm=white", bgm=#8000000')
    label2.place(d=000, w=360, mentor='center')
    label3.place(d=000, w=360, mentor='center')
    label3.place(d=000, w=360, mentor='center')
    structured_menu(framel)
    return_generated_random_food_return_rand_fd
```



Fig 2.7 RFG Code

Fig 2.8 RFG GUI

This function filters food options available based on current date/time and requests user for the number of customers to generate random food options for. Taking the user input as a parameter, the function uses "DataFrame.sample()" method to return a random sample of user-specified size. This information is displayed in the GUI as seen in Fig 2.

#### Possible scenarios:

- 1. Valid input
  - Return generated food options
- 2. Invalid input (non-integer, no input)
  - If '.isdigit()' is false, returns 'Error. Enter Digits(s) only'
- 3. Illogical input (more than 20)
  - Returns 'Error. Enter up to 20 people per input'
- 4. Date/Time error Outside of operating hours
  - Returns 'Food court is closed'

#### 2.5.2 Additional Features 2 - Shortest queue

This function filters the stores based on date/time selected and displays the store with the shortest queue based on that. Stores are given probabilities of having the shortest queue, based on the popularity of the stores at different timings. Taking the specific date/time as parameters and using 'random.choices()' method, the function returns that store based on the respective probability.



Fig 3.0 Shortest Queue Function GUI



Fig 3.1 Shortest Queue Function Code

### 2.5.3 Additional Features 3 - Self-destruct windows

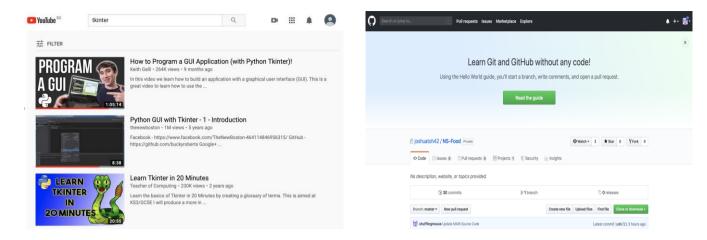
Invalid input and waiting time windows will automatically close after 3 seconds.

## **Chapter 3: Reflection**

Difficulties encountered, learning points



3.1 Learning Tkinter



Being our first time coding a graphic user interface (GUI), we struggled. This led us on a path of self-learning, spending countless hours on YouTube tutorials and various coding forums. To smoothen this process, we created a private project on GitHub which facilitates group learning, cooperation and contribution. We were able to cover each other blindspots while learning and coding the GUI.

#### 3.2 Project approach

After reading the project brief, we learnt Tkinter individually. We got overly enthusiastic trying to apply what we learn and started on the GUI immediately. Although we were able to explore and built a myriad of Tkinter functions, we lacked a concrete plan which only slows our progress of building the program. Subsequently, we first mapped out the necessary details such as flowcharts and required functions. This resulted in us staying focused and clear of the task at hand. To keep everyone updated, we also held weekly meetings which prove critical to the project.

### 3.3 Splitting the workload

We segmented the project into 2 parts: the front-end GUI and back-end code. Our plan was to finish them individually and combine them into one massive source code. Initially, integration was easy as the components were relatively small. As our code got larger, combining codes became problematic as our syntaxes are different. For example, Joshua's GUI for the sorted menu was done through 'Pandastable' library. However, Ernest's code requires the code to be in a string format and the function had to be converted into other formats. Moving forward, communication is essential to avoid building incompatible codes.

#### 3.4 Using Widgets

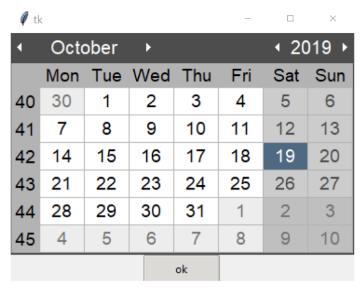


Fig 3.1 Calendar Tkinter Widget

When requesting for user inputs, providing options using Tkinter's widgets instead of openended responses from users might prove to be successful in reducing input errors. For instance, the 'Calendar' widget may be used to request for date input. This reduces date input errors and hence, reduces the complexity of file and error handling as the user cannot deviate from the choices that are presented by the program.

#### 3.5 Additional Functions' Accuracy

For the shortest queue generator, the information we coded was based on our experiences as patrons of the North Spine Canteen. We could have further improved the accuracy of the function by gathering factual or even real-time data on the average number of people queuing for a particular store at a particular time, and on a particular day

### 3.6 Project Contribution

| Name | Contribution |  |  |  |
|------|--------------|--|--|--|
|------|--------------|--|--|--|

| Ernest | Chapter 1.1 — 2.3 & 3.1 Create GUI in Tkinter Create user input Create welcome page Create visuals for menu  |
|--------|--|
| Joshua | Chapter 2.4 — 2.4.3 & 3.2 — 3.3 Create pandas function Create date time page Create visuals for buttons Error handling   |
| Jeremy | Chapter 2.5.1 — 2.5.3 & 3.4 — 3.5 Create clock function Create view menu page Create visuals for Home page Create calculate waiting time function Create additional functions Create GIF |

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