

Thank you for your effort in evaluating this project. The purpose of this document is to hopefully save you a little bit of time and effort in pinpointing where the requirements have been fulfilled. The first two sections provide a basic top-level overview. The Rubric items section will explain how the requirement can be executed and where it is located within the code base.

## Quick Note on appointments

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Data has been loaded for February of 2017, and March 2018. You can create a new appointment by double clicking on a day in the calendar. This is the easiest way of doing it. Or the Create Appointments link can be clicked.

Changing an existing appointment can be done by clicking on the appointment in the calendar.

## General Pattern

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The startup object is [application.Main](#). It will create an instance of the [MainController](#) and is linked to [Other Sources/src/main/resources/views/MainView.fxml](#). After that, each visible element is created by a custom control. The custom control class is linked to a likewise named fxml screen. Calendar controls do not follow this pattern, and do not link to FXML (calendar fxml is in the solution for posterity, but not used. This code was reworked since it was not reliable in UI updates when adding appointments).

## Caching

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Due to performance concerns with the hosted MySQL instance, caching has been enabled for this application. This doesn't take into account any concurrency concerns that would be present in a real application but should be sufficient for single user use.

On application start a few of the supporting domain object types will be retrieved from the database. As domain items are retrieved, they are cached. If an item is saved, then the cache is invalidated (cleared) for that type. This is to make sure that there are no timeouts and that the application has a quicker response for the user.

# Object Creation

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Immutable pattern implemented for the core domain objects except for [Customer.setAddress](#).

The only objects that are created by newing up are value objects whose state is not needed long term. Domain objects are created in the ViewModel or the Repository classes.

Factory classes are used for any scenario that requires a lazy loaded function to build on call objects that are injected, or just requires a complex constructor.

All services, controls, etc have their dependencies given to them through via constructor injection.

Since outside references such as Guice or Spring were disallowed, I created a custom class to handle this function. [applictation.dependencyinjection.ServiceLocator](#) is used as an inversion of control container for dependency injection. Most object creation is done here. When the [Resolve](#) or [ResolveFunc](#) method is called it retrieves a new or singleton object from its hashmap.

All alerts are created via the Builder pattern / [application.alerts.AlertFactory](#) so that specific styling can be easily overridden.

The [dataAccess.BaseRepo](#) handles all of the actual execution and creation of SQL commands, each repo subclass just defines the parameters and object mappings.

Since the MYSQL is going to be hosted, I've added a transient fault handler / SQL retry policy located at [dataAccess.SqlRetryPolicy](#) that will attempt each connection 3 times before failure (in case of network issues).

## Rubric Items

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### A. Login form

Located at [application.controls.screens.LoginControl](#). The [LoginControl.setupLanguage](#) method can be used to change the Locale to English or German.

### B. Customer Records

Located at [application.controls.screens.CustomerControl](#) and accessed by clicking **View Customers**

### C. Appointments

Located at [application.controls.screens.AppointmentsControl](#).

Can be accessed by either double clicking on a day in the Calendar, or by clicking **Create Appointment**.

## Lambda scheduling

When the [AppointmentControl](#) saves or deletes an item, it uses the [application.services.Scheduler](#) to execute the [application.services.AppointmentContext.save](#) function. The results are then used to update the Calendar screen.

## D. Calendar Views

Located at [application.controls.calendar.\\*](#)

Can be accessed by clicking the **View Calendar** link. Provides two types of navigation. **Hovering over the current Month Title** will open a popup screen that allows you to select any Month/Year. **Clicking the left and right arrow** navigation controls will either change the month or the week depending on context. The month and week views can be changed by clicking the **View Week / View Month** link.

## E. Time Zones

Located at [dataAccess.BaseRepo](#) and [dataAccess.DatabaseDateTimeConverter](#). All times are saved to the database in UTC. Dates are converted to the system's time zone to be presented to the screen.

**\*\*Note --** If an appointment is saved, the time zone changed, and the application reloaded, then the saved appointment might show up outside of the currently selected time zone's business hours. The appointment will still show up on the screen but will be shaded red to signify that it is out of range. It will not be able to be modified while in this state**\*\***

## F. Exception Control

Exception handling follows the Bubble pattern, Catch -> Rethrow -> Handle. Exceptions are rethrown as an instance of the [AppointmentException](#), and either caught and handled by a screen or the [ErrorControl](#) screen handles it (if exception was unexpected).

- Scheduling an appointment outside of business hours
  - Managed by [models.Appointment.validate](#) method. On object creation if data is invalid then a [ValidationException](#) is thrown.
- Scheduling overlapping appointments
  - Managed by the [appointments.services.AppointmentContext.validate](#) method. Appointments are considered overlapping if the scheduled time overlaps AND the appointment is for the same user. Two different users could have appointments that overlapped (a user shouldn't have two overlapping appointments because one would be missed, but this would not be true if the appointments were for two different users).
  - [ScheduledOverlapException](#) is thrown inside of validate method, and the [application.controls.screens.AppointmentControl.save](#) method captures the exception in a try catch handler.

- Entering nonexistent or invalid customer data
  - Managed by `models.Customer.constructor`. Throws `ValidationException` if address is not provided. Handled by `application.controls.screens.CustomerControl.save` method.
  - Managed by `models.Appointment.validate`. Throws `ValidationException` if customer is not provided to the Appointment. Handled by `application.controls.screens.AppointmentControl.save`.
- Entering an incorrect username and password
  - Managed by both the `application.control.screens.LoginControl` and the `application.logging.Logger` classes.
  - On user login attempt, `Logger.Log` method is called, this executes a try with resources block to write to text file.
  - `LoginControl.authenticate` throws a `BusinessException`, which is caught and handled within the same method. The handler displays an alert notifying the user.
  - `LoginControl.authenticate` catches a general exception in the case of an unexpected error and displays an alert to the user.

## G. Pop-Ups

The `LoginControl` displays an Alert when the user attempts to login with an invalid username or password. Code is located at `LoginControl.authenticateUser -> showAlert` :: **line 173**. This displays the alert via the `showAlert` method :: **line 188**.

The `MainController` displays an Alert for reminders when the application starts up. Code is located at `MainController.actionPerformed -> Platform.runLater()` :: **line 114**.

## H. Reminders and Alerts

Located at `application.services.ReminderService`.

This service checks for reminders once per minute. Check is disabled only if the OK button on the Alert screen is pressed. Checks will run again if application is restarted (no save on reminder acknowledge is implemented as this would have changed database schema). `ReminderService` is executed at `MainController.actionPerformed -> Platform.runLater()` :: **line 114**.

## I. Reports

Located at `application.controls.screens.ReportControl`.

Can be accessed by clicking on the **View Reports** link. When Report screen is loaded, a combo box will be displayed at the top of the screen that allows for the one of the three reports to be displayed. The custom report displays a summarized list of all appointments

1. by user
2. by user and year
3. by user, year, and month

## J. Activity Log

Located at `application.logging.Logger`.

When user logs in, the `Logger.Log` method is called. This saves a file named `log.txt` into the directory in which the application is run from.