Library Management System Manual

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1 Introduction

This manual provides documentation for the Library Management System project implemented in C++. The project includes various classes and structures to manage library transactions, book collection, library cards, and users. This manual describes the usage and functionality of each component.

2 Components

2.1 Date

The Date structure represents a date with year, month, and day attributes. It includes a method laterThan() to compare dates.

2.2 TimeOfTheDay

The TimeOfTheDay structure represents a time of the day with hour and minute attributes. It includes a method laterThan() to compare times.

2.3 Fine

The Fine class represents a fine associated with a library card. It is automatically given to a user, once they return a book to the library with delay.

2.4 Transaction

The Transaction class represents a transaction between a user and the library. It provides methods to retrieve the transaction details.

2.5 ReturnTransaction

The ReturnTransaction class extends the Transaction class and includes an additional attribute overtime to tell if the book was returned late.

2.6 BorrowTransaction

The BorrowTransaction class extends the Transaction class and includes an additional attribute return_deadline to indicate the deadline for returning the book. It provides methods to retrieve the return deadline and extend the deadline.

2.7 Book

The Book class represents a book in the library. It includes attributes such as title, author, ISBN, and book ID. It also maintains a list of transactions associated with the book. The class provides methods to borrow and return books, retrieve book details, and check if the book is currently borrowed.

2.8 LibraryCard

The LibraryCard class represents a library card issued to a user. It includes attributes such as name, surname, ID, start date, and a list of transactions. It also maintains a map of borrowed books and a list of fines associated with the card. The class provides methods to borrow and return books, apply fines, and retrieve card details.

2.9 User

The User class represents a library user. It includes attributes such as name, surname, and user ID. It also maintains a library card associated with the user. The class provides methods to retrieve user details.

2.10 Librarian

The Librarian class extends the User class and represents a librarian. It includes a schedule attribute to define working hours for each day of the week. The class provides methods to retrieve the schedule and change work hours.

2.11 Library

The Library class represents a library which is a very big database. It includes a collection of books, users, and librarians. The class provides methods to add and remove books, users, and librarians, issue library cards, manage transactions, and also calculate fines.

3 Usage and REPL

By default - all operations are made in REPL. To get more info about available functions, you must run program and type "help" in prompt.

4 Quick help with REPL

4.1 Print all available functions

To get a list of all commands, use the help function.

4.2 Exiting the program

To exit the program, use the exit function.

4.3 Adding Books

To add a book to the library collection, use the addBook function.

4.4 Deleting Books

To delete a book from the library collection, use the deleteBook function.

4.5 Adding Users

To add a user to the library database, use the addUser function.

4.6 Deleting Users

To delete a user from the library database, use the deleteUser function.

4.7 Hiring Librarians

To hire a new librarian, use the hireLibrarian function.

4.8 Fire Librarians

To fire a librarian, use the fireLibrarian function.

4.9 Creating Library Card

To get access to all books, you have to get an active library card. To do so, use the createCard function.

4.10 Listing all books

To get a list of all books that are currently in the library, use the lsbooks function.

4.11 Listing all users

To get a list of all users that are registered in the library database, use the lsusers function.

4.12 Borrowing books

To borrow a book, use borrowBook function.

4.13 Returning a book

To return a book, use returnBook function.

4.14 Informations about User

To get info about a certain user, please type userInfo.

4.15 Checking card balance

To check a library card's balance with all fines that have been assigned to this card, use balance function.