

Assignment 4 Restaurant Management System

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1. Objective

The objective of this assignment is to design and implement a **restaurant management system**. The system has must have three different types of users: administrator, waiter chef, who can perform the following tasks:

- Administrator add, delete, modify existing products from the menu
- Waiter create a new order for a table, add elements from the menu, compute the bill for an order
- **Chef** is notified whenever they must cook food that is ordered through a waiter (i.e. whenever a new order is added)

The program should follow the class diagram presented in the laboratory work. The developer has to ensure that the following Java concepts / design patterns are used:

- Composite Design Pattern for the MenuItem, BaseProduct & CompositeProduct classes a
 CompositeProduct contains a list which, in its turn, contains either BaseProducts or other
 CompositeProducts.
- Observer Design Pattern used to notify the chef whenever they are asked to cook a new order
- Design by Contract method by stating the pre and post conditions and the invariants for the Restaurant class.
- **Serialization** in order to correctly and efficiently store the menu items which have been added to / modified / deleted from the menu, so that they can be accessed in multiple runs of the program.
- A Map<Order, Collection<MenuItem>> object to store the orders and the information about each order, i.e. the items which have been ordered by the client.

In order to successfully achieve the requested goals, an **object-oriented programming design** was used, along with some of its key features: **packages, encapsulation, inheritance**, as well as the features presented above. Thus, the following things were ensured:

- Creating the necessary classes and methods to successfully simulate the interfaces of all the
 three users, all of them linked together in a main user interface which allows to switch between
 them.
- Implementing the **business classes** which deal with the logic behind the application and perform all the necessary tasks on the newly introduced / already available data. **The Restaurant class** holds the highest importance, as it acts as a **bridge between the GUI layer and the application backend.**
- Creating the classes and methods necessary to write to files, whether it is the serialized file (the
 one storing information about the menu items) or the bill generator (option available within the
 Waiter interface)

2. Problem Analysis, Modelling, Scenarios, Use Cases

The problem requires that the developer successfully designs and implements a **restaurant management system** using the given **UML class diagram**, to simulate performing operations on data

collected from a .ser file and to illustrate the usage of the Composite and Observer design patterns and the Design by Contract method.

The **HashMap<>** data structure was used as well to create an efficient and valid connection between the data (between orders and their associated items).

From the perspective of the user, the program can be used by running the .jar file generated by the developer in the command line. The program will act accordingly and retrieve the data from the given .ser file and modify it to fit the requirements and boot up the user interface.

In terms of scenarios and use-cases, the program behaves as follows:

• When running the .jar file, the user can also write one argument, which will represent the name of the .ser file. This was done such that the user can test the functionality of the program with a file with a random name, not necessarily a fixed one; in case a file is not specified, the default path is "restaurant.ser"; the command is:

java -jar program_name.jar [file_name.ser]

- The user is free to choose which interface they will operate on and how to manipulate the data.
 Please note that in order to save the changes that have been brought to the menu to the .ser
 file, the user is required to press the "Save Menu Data" button. The program was designed this
 way so that the person executing the program can choose whether they want to alter the
 contents of the given file or not.
- Please note that the output file is the same as the input one, and whatever data was written inside the input file initially will be overwritten if the "Save Menu Data" button is pressed

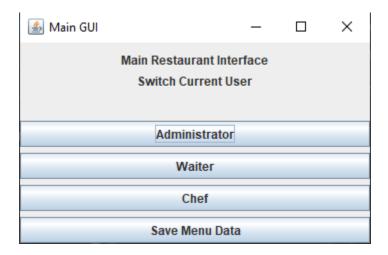
In case of editing the data, **changes do not appear instantaneously** (except for editing menu items). If, for example, the user is accessing the Administrator interface and they have opened window containing all the menu items, if an item is added / modified / deleted, then a new window of that type has to be opened (i.e. press the "View All Menu Items" button again to notice the change).

In case of the orders, **no two orders are the same**. The user (waiter) is allowed to place multiple orders for the **same table & day**, **and it will not be considered a duplicate**. The reason for that is that each order is identified through an **orderId** field, to ensure uniqueness. Simulating a real restaurant, multiple orders can be placed from the same table in a single day.

The bills are generated for the orders which are specified by the user in the Waiter interface, and they will be generated as text files of the form "BillForOrderX", where X is the id of the order

More details on the input restrictions / limitations will be presented in the Design chapter.

In terms of use case, when running the program the user will see the following window, which will allow them to navigate easily between the interfaces:



3. Design

The Class Diagram given in the laboratory support was used as foundation for the assignment, but several additional packages and classes have been added to more efficiently distribute the workload among packages.

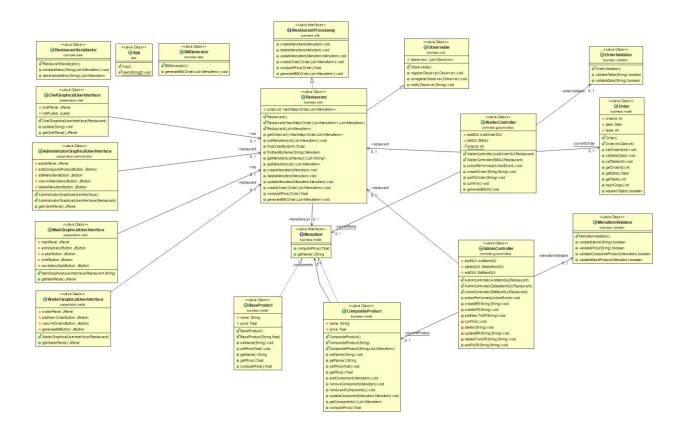
The **object-oriented programming design** was exploited through this program. Certain key object-oriented design and implementation elements were used, such as **encapsulation**, **inheritance** etc.

In terms of the structure of the project, as required in the objective, the following **packages and subpackages** were created:

- **App** contains a single class which, in its turn, contains the **main method**. Boots up the application and the user interface.
- **Business** contains three additional packages. Acts as a **connection layer** between the classes in the Controller package and the user interface (the classes from the Presentation package)
 - Model contains the Model classes for the objects the Products (MenuItems) and the Order. The Composite Design Pattern was used in order to create the MenuItems, as well as the links between them.
 - Utils contains several utility classes which act as link between the Model classes, such
 that each order has an associated List of MenuItems. The HashMap<> data structure
 was needed in order to implement this, the Order objects acting as its keys, and the List
 of MenuItems as its values.
 - Validator contains validator classes for the input, such that no invalid input is (e.g. name containing numbers) is registered within the Restaurant object.
- Controller contains classes representing the logic of the application, that is, the link between
 the Business classes and GUI. It connects the data received as input from the GUI to the
 backend part of the program and with the FileWriting / output part.
 - Data classes whose purpose is to create and populate the output files (.ser for the restaurant menu and the .txt files for the bills)
 - o **GUIControllers** the **controller classes** themselves, who call methods from the Business layer in order to manipulate the data received as input from the user.

- Presentation the GUI packages and classes. Each type of user contains several classes, a
 different one for each available frame. This was done such that the GUI classes are not cluttered
 with several frames or pop-up instructions. The Swing UI Designer for Intellij was used in order
 to create the interfaces more easily.
 - Administrator interface for the administrator user used to manipulate the menu
 data
 - Chef interface for the chef user a single window containing a message which
 changes whenever a new order is added. The Observer Design Pattern was used in
 order to implement this and to notify the Chef whenever this happens.
 - Main main interface, which appears when the program is run. Window to all the other interfaces.
 - Waiter interface for the waiter user used to create orders and to generate bills for them.

The **UML diagram** below illustrates the relationships between the classes. It was generated automatically using the **ObjectAid UML Explorer for Eclipse**. Please note that some of the GUI classes were not included in order to avoid cluttering the image even more.



In terms of the **interfaces**, several things should be mentioned:

Each time an operation is performed, whether successfully or not, a **pop-up message** will appear to announce the success / failure. If the message does not appear, then the command was not completed (either the button was not placed properly or an unexpected error appeared).

For each item / ordered added, the **validators** will check whether the input is correct or not. If it is not, no operation will be performed and a pop-up message will appear.

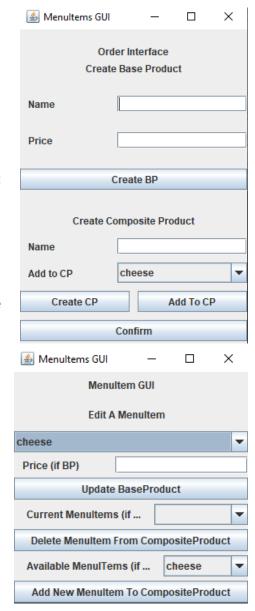
• Administrator Interface

Add Menu Item: After adding a new item, Base or Composite, in order for it to appear in the ComboBox, the frame must be opened again. When adding a Composite Product, the buttons must be placed in the following order: Create CP to create the product object, and then AddToCP for each extra product added. An item cannot be added to a non-existing Composite product. It will generate an exception. Likewise, a Composite product cannot be added to the menu if it does not contain at least one product. An error message will appear. The user has to press the Confirm button in order for the item to be registered. Otherwise, the data will be lost and it will not be added to the restaurant menu. Only press Confirm when you're done adding products to the CP.

Edit Menu Item: Each button was pressed under its respective field in order to avoid confusion and to ensure that data is not introduced incorrectly. In case the data is not correct (for example, if the user tries to change the price of a Composite product, an **error pop-up message** will appear. This window does not need to be reopened whenever a new item is picked from the main combo box. The one below will be updated automatically. **When a Composite product is left empty** (it doesn't contain any other product), **it will be deleted from the menu.**

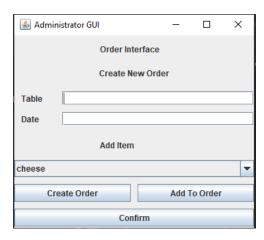
Note: Though the ComboBox allows the user to add a CompositeProduct to itself, **please do not** do that as it will be viewed as an illegal operation and it will generate an exception.

Delete Menu Item: Whenever a product is deleted from the menu, **all the other products containing it will be deleted as well** and the prices will be updated.



Waiter Interface

Create Order: As mentioned at point (2), orders with duplicate tables and dates are allowed, as they are differentiated by their ids. As for the Menu Items, the order is the following: first, press Create Order to create it, then Add To Order and finally, press Confirm to add it to the OrderList. Only press confirm when you're done adding products to the order.



Important!! Please do not forget to press the **Save Menu Data** button from the Main Interface if you wish to save the modified menu. Otherwise, none of the changes performed to it will be saved after closing the application.

4. Implementation

In order for everything to be easier to read and understand, the classes will be presented in groups, based on the package / subpackage they belong to. If the classes are too similar, they will not be discussed in detail, only the use of the package will be explained.

App package

App class

Main class containing the main method. Its purpose is to call the methods necessary to deserialize the menu from the .ser file, if available and to boot up the main user interface.

Business package

- Model subpackage
 - Menultem interface

Object used to store data in the restaurant. Has two methods: **computePrice()** and **getName()**, which must be implemented by all the classes which implement it.

BaseProduct class

Object used to store Base Products (i.e. products which do not contain any additional items). Getter and setter methods.

CompositeProduct class

Object used to store the Composite Products (i.e. products which are made of several other items. Getter and setter methods. The price is the total sum of the prices of all the items the product contains.

The **Composite Design pattern** was used here in the sense that a CompositeProduct can contain inside its list of products both BaseProducts and other CompositeProducts (in short, any type of MenuItem).

Order class

Object class for the **orders**, containing data about the table and the date of the order. **Overrides the hashCode() and equals() method**, as it will be used as **key in the HashMap<> object**, when pairing it with a List of MenuItems.

<u>Utils subpackage</u>

IRestaurantProcessing interface

Contains the **six methods** necessary to obtain, alter and generate data. Implemented by the Restaurant class. The methods involve: **creating / updating / deleting a MenuItem and creating / computing the pricve for / generating the bill for an Order.**

Observable class

Class used for the **Observer Design Pattern**. As the **Java Observable** class is deprecated, I created one of my own to simulate its purpose and functionality. Contains the methods necessary to register, unregister and notify an **Observer**. Extended by the Restaurant class.

Restaurant class

Class containing most of the logic behind the program. **Extends the Observable class and the IRestaurantProcessing interface** and, as a result, implements all its six methods along with several others which allow for easier access to the stored data.

Contains the **HashMap<> object** mentioned above, whose keys are **Orders** and values are **Lists of MenuItems** associated to those orders. It also contains a **List of MenuItems** used to store all the items available in the menu.

Design By Contract was used in order to specify the **pre and post conditions of each method, as well as the class invariant**. The pre and post conditions were further enhanced by using the **assert function** to verify them at the beginning and at the end of the methods, when necessary. For more details on these, as well as the functionality of the class itself, please refer to the **JavaDoc document**.

Validator subpackage

- MenultemValidator class
- OrderValidator class

Validator classes for the MenuItem and Order fields respectively. If the given parameters are not valid, an **error pop-up message** will appear, instructing the user to input valid data. Otherwise, the methods return true and the process continues as expected.

Presentation package

o Administrator subpackage

- AddItemGUI class
- AdministratorGraphicaluserInterface class
- DeleteItemGUI class

- EditItemGUI class
- o Chef subpackage
 - Observer interface
 - ChefGraphicalUserInterface class
- o Main subpackage
 - MainGraphicalUserInterface
- Waiter subpackage
 - AddOrderGUI class
 - BillGUI class
 - ViewOrdersGUI class
 - WaiterGraphicalUserInterface class

Self-Explanatory **Graphical User Interface classes**. They were created using the **Swing UI Designer from Intellij**. Each frame represents a different class in order to avoid cluttering the code excessively.

Though the **ActionListeners** for the buttons are described in the **Controller classes**, the **ItemListeners for the ComboBoxes** were left within the GUI classes, as it was deemed more fit to produce and manipulate data changes and to modify the lists from the GUI classes themselves, rather than from a different package altogether.

JTables were used to show the menu and order data.

5. Results

The results are as expected.

Concerning the MenuItems, the following points can be made:

- A CompositeProduct can contain both BaseProducts and other CompositeProducts
- When a CompositeProducts does not contain anything anymore, it is deleted
- Deleting a product results in the deletion of all the products containing it, and price updates for each of them

List before deleting wine and tomato:

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name	price	details		
cheese	7.5	base product		
tomato	3.0	base product		
olives	3.5	base prod	luct	
bacon	8.0	base prod	luct	
wine	15.0	base prod	luct	
pasta	15.5	cheese ba	acon	
italian mix	30.5	wine pasta		
tomato sauce	3.0	tomato		

List after deleting wine and tomato:



Note: the Italian mix was deleted through cascading. tomato => pasta; pasta + wine => Italian mix.

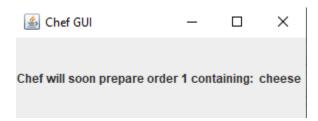
Concerning the Orders:

- Orders with the same table and date can be made and they will be considered as different due
 to their orderlds. This was done to simulate real life situations as accurately as possible, as more
 than one order can be ordered from the same table on the same day.
- When a new Order is added, the chef is notified and, if the Chef GUI is open, the change in text can be noticed (going from "waiting for order" to "will soon prepare order").
- The Total shown on the bill text file represents the total of all the products ordered.

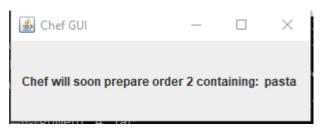
Chef before adding the 1st order:



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List & chef after adding the 2nd order with the same data:





6. Conclusions

In conclusion, this assignment can be viewed as introduction to several objected oriented programming features and patterns, to be exact: Serialization, Design by Contract, Observer Design Pattern, Composite Design Pattern.

Object-oriented programming was exploited through the use of packages, classes, encapsulation and inheritance.

Serialization was used when generating the restaurant.ser file, as well as when retrieving data from it.

Design by Contract was discovered within the **Restaurant class** by adding **pre/post conditions**, **invariants and assertions** for each method.

The Observer Design Pattern was used to **notify the Chef** whenever a new order has been added to the list.

Finally, the **Composite Design Pattern** was used when creating the objects for **the MenuItems**, **BaseProduct and CompositeProduct**, the latter of which contains a list of MenuItems of any type.

As further enhancements, the user interface could be designed with more care, to make it more aesthetically pleasing (and, possibly, more user-friendly). It could also be possible to add several more actions to the chef, so that the user interface can become more interactive, by adding a queue of orders to be served, which gradually changes throughout the execution of the program.

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