

BCS 370 Fall 2020

Capstone Project Description

Project Title: College Student Homework Management System

Business Requirements: The system manages and displays a college student's homework/assignments in the current semester. The objective of the application is to help the student efficiently manage his time in doing his course work.

(To minimize your efforts, I removed the class scheduling part from the system.)

Technical Specifications:

General functional requirements:

The homework management and lookup system should provide, at a minimum, “search”, “add”, “update” and “remove” functionalities. The “remove” function can be replaced with marking the assignment as “Completed” if you think it makes more sense.

Detailed function requirements:

1. **Data structure:** You may choose to use any data structure(s)/container(s) you see fit for this project. STL is encouraged to use. Or you may construct a custom data structure to your needs.
2. Must develop the project using Object Oriented Programming (OOP)
3. UML diagram
4. Must have the following functionalities:
 - 4.1. Add an assignment
 - 4.2. Update an assignment
 - 4.3. Search/lookup
 - 4.3.1. Search assignments which are due in # of days //0 means today; 1 means tomorrow; ...
 - 4.3.2. Search by course
 - 4.3.3. Display all assignments that are in progress
 - 4.4. At least one method should feature **tail recursion**
5. Design necessary attributes for the homework/assignment object. Recommend including “estimated time to complete the assignment.”

General guideline:

Data serialization: It's recommended that you save all homework data into a file and retrieve data from the file to make the application more useful. Since each assignment is an object, **saving** the collection of assignment objects into a **binary file** will be the most efficient solution.

Modularization: Classes/Objects, methods, functions should be well thought and designed before any implementation taken place. (Of course, the design is likely to be updated along with the development.) A **UML diagram** will be required as part of the project submission.

Submission Requirements:

You may create a compressed file of all the following files to submit.

1. Team writeup

- a. Team members
- b. UML diagram
- c. Key technical implementation descriptions
 - i. data structure
 - ii. tail recursion
 - iii. complexity of `searchByDueDate()` and `searchByCourse()`

2. Source code (Preferable a **GitHub** URL)

3. Individual writeup

Each member should write up a one-page document to describe his contribution to the project. (must include technical contribution)

- a. Design portion (which part in the UML, data structure) if applicable.
- b. Coding portion if applicable.
- c. Describe and explain your contribution.

Rubric: TBA