

**Year 4 Project Technical Specification** 

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## 1. Glossary

- GUI Graphical User Interface.
- MVC Model-View-Controller is an architectural pattern.

### 2. Motivation

The ability to predict the change of stock market share prices is a crucial skill in stock investment. People attempt to do this on a daily basis since the beginning of the stock market. Stock changes are volatile due to the amount of factors and variables that need to be considered.

This application intends to assist the user with decisions of whether to invest in a particular stock. This is done by sentiment analysis on articles regarding that stock/company, which is indirectly correlated with how that stock/company will do based on people's opinions and thus, recommend whether to invest or not.

## 3. Design

The architectural structure of the application follows strictly Model-View-Controller (MVC) design pattern. This provides highly decoupled components, making it easier to maintain them. The data (models) is managed by controllers and displayed in views. It's a commonly used pattern when designing user interfaces in web development. Skanner, on the other hand is a pure Java application, built on top of JavaFX framework, which fully supports MVC architecture. JavaFX is an extension of Java Swing GUI library.

The Figure 2 below, shows the architecture of the application and how its modules are decoupled from each other. Each module has its own components. The model module, in general, is responsible for data manipulation. The view model is for displaying this data and finally, the controllers act like an interface between the two.

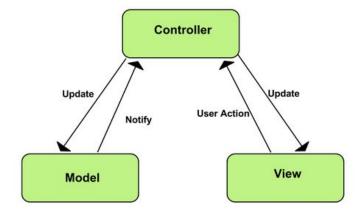


Figure 1. Model-View-Controller pattern.

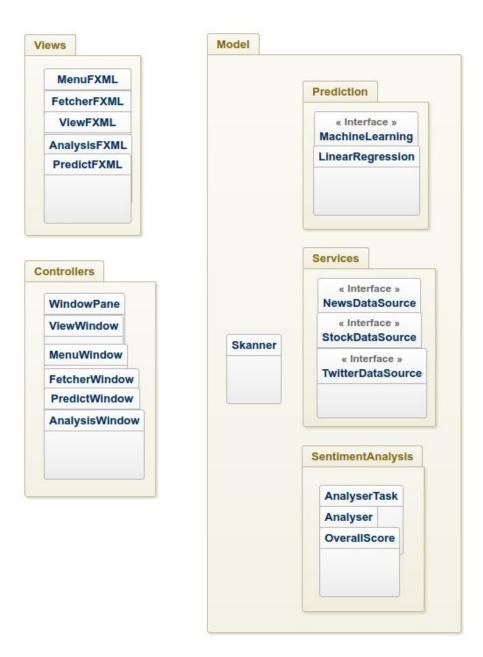


Figure 2. Model-View-Controller architecture

Skanner had been designed and developed as per functional specification. Numerous interfaces are used to obtain data which is then processed in order to derive the final result. Figures 3 and 4 show the flow of the data. External services are used to obtain articles, blogs, Tweets and historical stock data. Once data is obtained, the program pushes it via sentiment analysis and machine learning components.

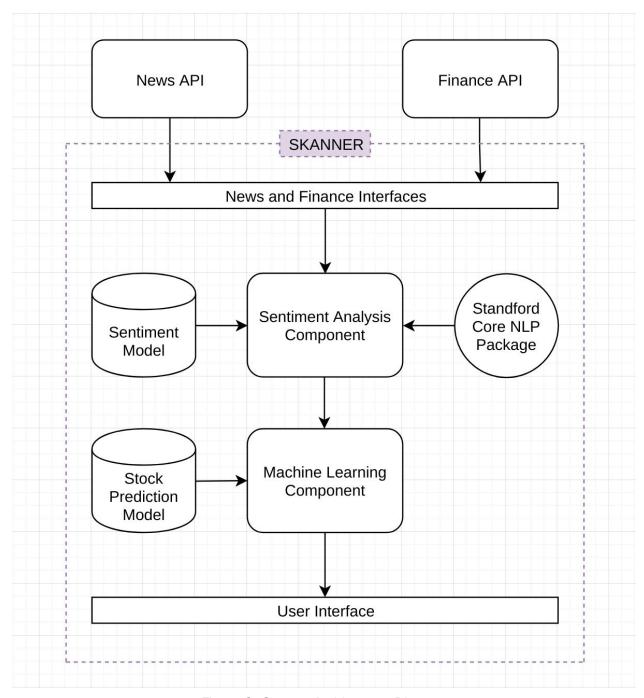


Figure 3. System Architecture Diagram

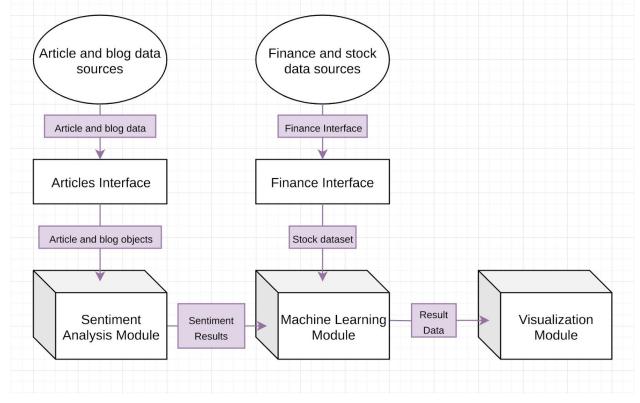


Figure 4. Data Flow Diagram

In order to develop highly decoupled system, various design patterns and software engineering techniques were used, such as:

- Singletons
- Observers
- Callbacks
- Object Oriented principles
  - Inheritance
  - Abstraction
  - Interfaces

Following the above principles allowed for clearer code, which is easier to understand and maintain. In the Figure 5, we can see the relationship between major classes. Log, Config and Skanner are singleton objects. Only one instance of each is created and are used in various ways. Log is used for logging purposes and most of the classes uses it. Config on the other hand is used by primary objects, such as Skanner, Services and some of the Window classes. However, it's important for it to be a singleton, because this way it ensures that the same configuration is used across the app. Skanner is the most important class in this diagram, it implements interface which is used by Controllers (Window objects) to perform computation and other manipulation on data. It's also crucial for it to be a singleton, because it's the class which has an access to data.

Observers are mainly used to update GUI when any changes are made to data. Article and Tweet feeds in the View Window use observers to update the list views accordingly.

Callbacks is another software engineering technique used commonly with asynchronous tasks. In this case it's not different. Services in Skanner are acting like async jobs in most cases, and callbacks where necessary to update fields and attributes of other classes upon finishing their job.

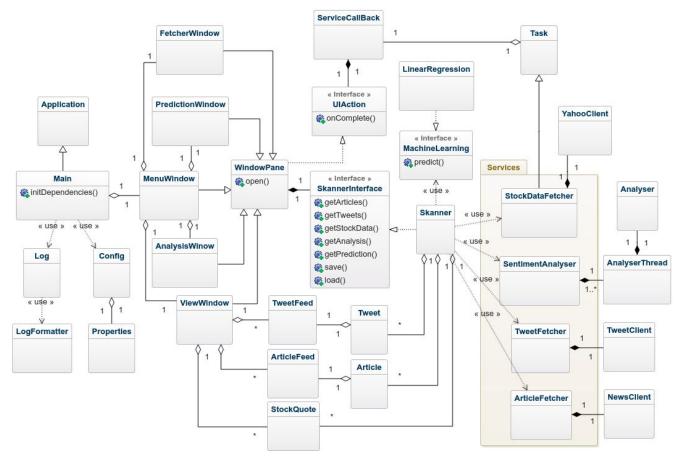


Figure 5. Class Diagram

## 4. Implementation

# Graphical User Interface

As mentioned before, JavaFX framework was used to implement GUI. It consists of five in total separate windows (stages).

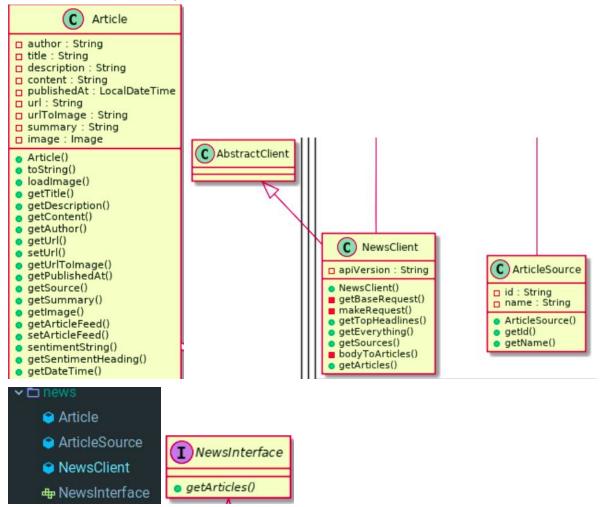
1) Menu Window - allows to choose a function for the application to execute.

- 2) Fetch Window contains parameters used to specify how much of data should be obtained.
- 3) Analysis Window small information window to update the progress on analysis.
- 4) View Window is used primarily to display obtained data.
- 5) Prediction Window place where final result is shown.

### Data source

#### **News Client**

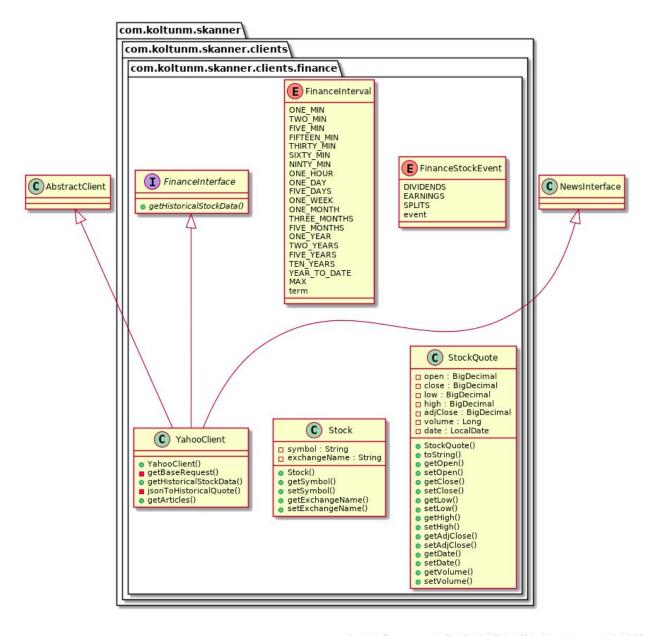
Three different types of data is obtained by Skanner. First are news, articles and blogs. I had to implement from scratch REST client for NewsAPI service (<a href="https://newsapi.org/">https://newsapi.org/</a>) because they don't provide one for Java. HTTP calls are powered by Unirest library. Following classes are included in this package.



#### **Finance Client**

Same as with the news client, the finance client had to be implemented entirely as well. It's also powered by Unirest library to make HTTP requests.

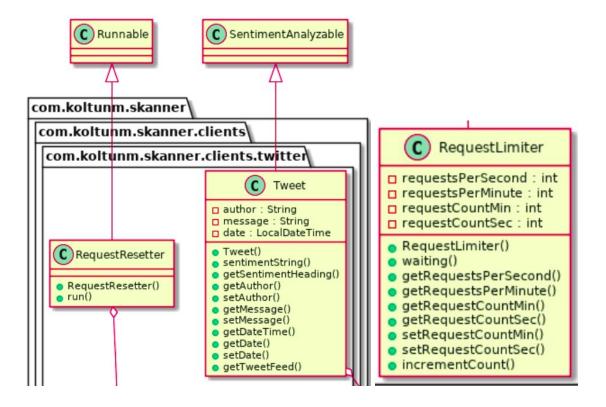
#### FINANCE's Class Diagram



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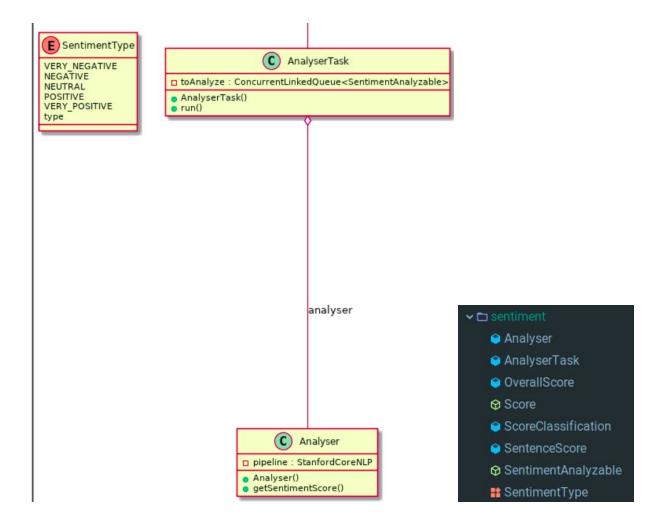
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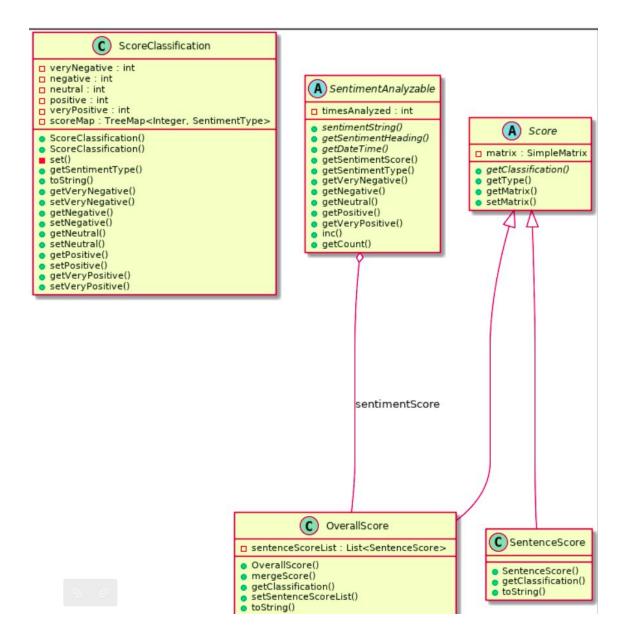
For this interface I used an unofficial client which had been already implemented - Twtter4j. However I had to create request limiter, because the requests are throttled to 30 requests per minute and 10 requests per second.



## Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment analysis is a huge part of this project. For this purpose I used Stanford NLP package under MIT license. They provide language models and advanced algorithms, however I still had to implement support classes. Scoring system based on matrices had to be created. Sentiment analysis is obtained per sentences. The overall score is the average of all scores in the text. Analysis is performed on Tweets and content summary of articles.





# Machine learning and prediction

The purpose of Skanner is to predict the price of the stock in the near future. The classifier model is trained on a dataset which is constructed from the combination of sentiment analysis of the articles and tweets and historical stock quota. Linear Regression classifier is used for prediction of the price change in percent.



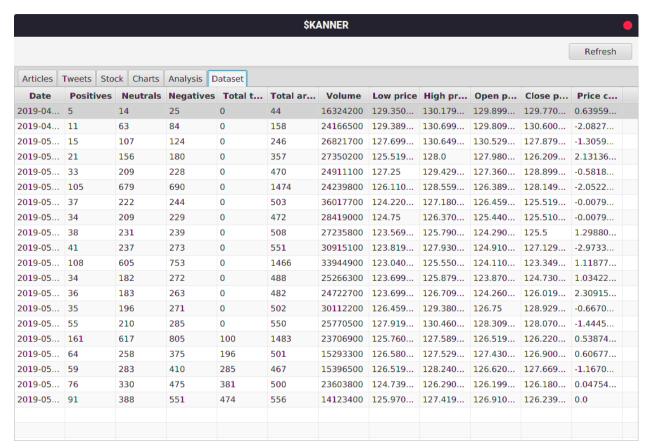
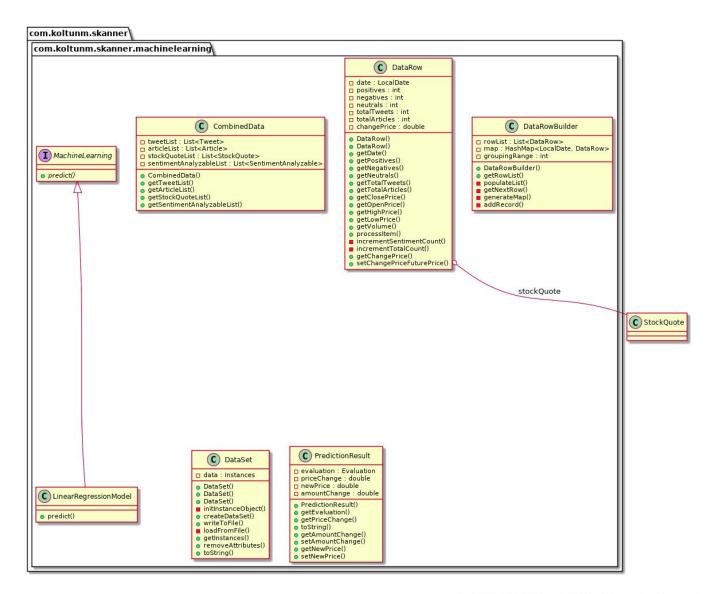


Figure 12. Dataset for Microsoft stock.

#### MACHINELEARNING's Class Diagram



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# 5. Evaluation and Testing

# Unit and Integration Tests

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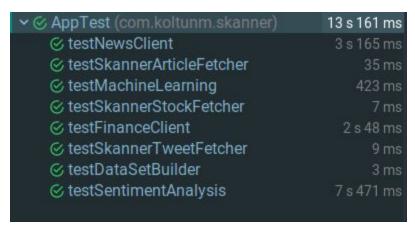


Figure. Integration and Unit tests

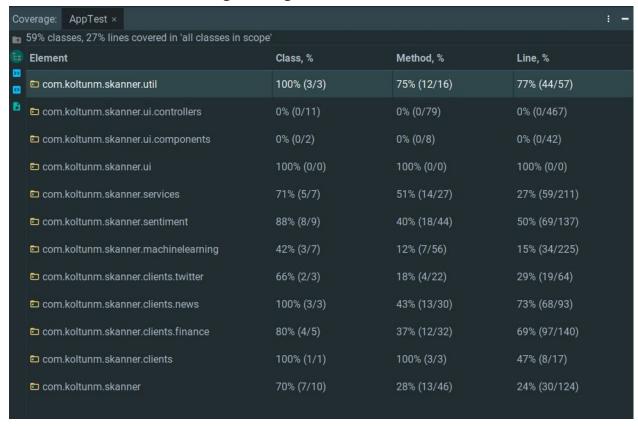
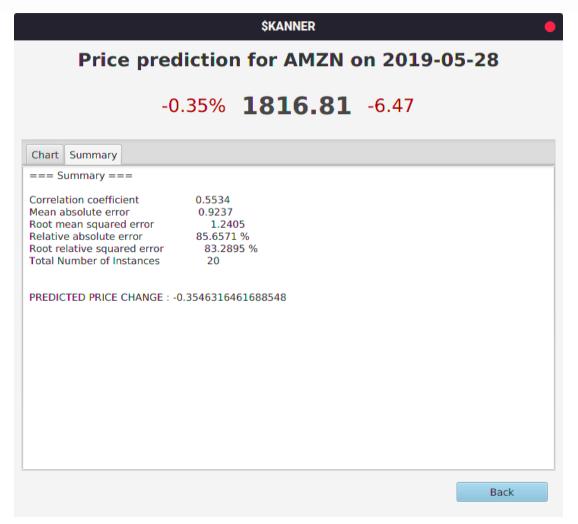


Figure. Coverage of Integration and Unit tests

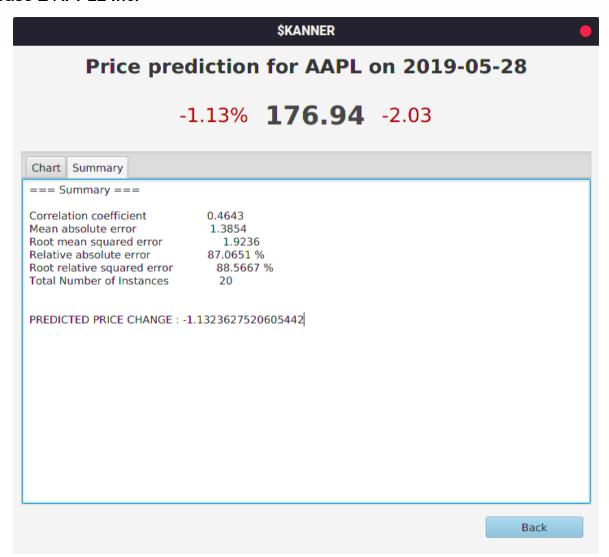
## Evaluation

Case	Prediction	Actual price change	Difference (off by)
AMAZON	-0.35%	+0.72%	1.07%
APPLE	-1.13%	-0.41%	0.72%
NETFLIX	-0.22%	+0.11%	0.33%
MICROSOFT	-0.47%	-0.63%	0.16%

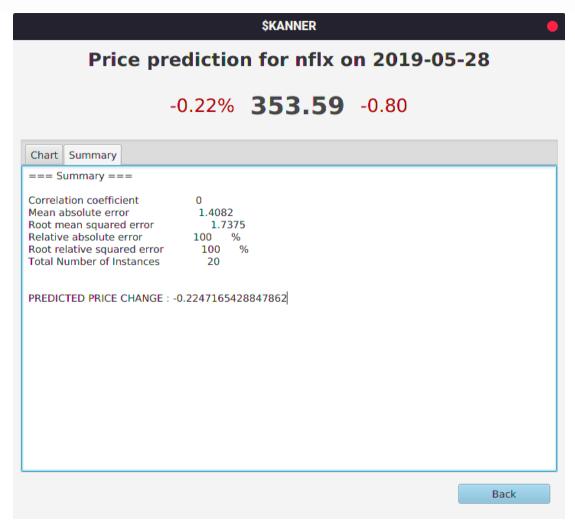
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