

SENG 330 Assignment 4 Design Document

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Notes to Marker

The application can be built, tested, and run using the commands gradle build, gradle test, and gradle run respectively. Equivalently, the commands can be run through the gradle plugin in Eclipse. The final option for running the application is to right click the class IOTApp.java under package ca.uvic.seng330.assn3 and select "Run as" -> "Java application".

Two automatic client accounts will be registered to the system upon start up. The user names are "basic" (the basic user account) and "admin" (the admin user account). The password for both accounts is "password". In addition, the marker may feel free to create other users from the login screen or from the admin interface.

Camera objects are persisted in the application (information and state stored even after shutting down the app) despite this not being a requirement for the system; this is only true for cameras and not other devices. Also, along with the user accounts, 3 devices of each type will be created upon start up of the application to avoid tedious creation of devices when testing. This is the cause of the logged messages with user: "NO CURRENT USER."

The acceptance tests to be marked are as follows:

- Scenario Z: 1,2
- Scenario A: 5,6 (Note for 6: The admin must select a user name and the notification level they want to assign that user. If the selection is "Custom", the admin must enter a device name & type into the fields below before selecting "Set Notifications.")
- Scenario B: 1,4,5,7 (Note for 1: ActivityLogs are persisted and the capacity of logs in the display is capped at 100. Note for 7: We took Client Control to mean the view that both basic users and admins alike see and have access to.)
- Scenario C: 1,2,6 (Note for 6: This, along with the similar acceptance test for the Thermostat, has buttons available in the UI for direct testing. The two buttons correspond to the lightbulb's two tests as well. More specifically, these are tests C:6, D:6, E:3,4.)
- Scenario D: 2-6
- Scenario E: 3,4

Finally, it is worth noting, due to the terms used in the acceptance tests, that there is no Hub class; it is replaced by the many controllers that have different responsibilities.

The Design

The overall design of the system is very similar to assignment 3 only with additional functionality in the form of new methods, class interactions, and the new ActivityLog model, view, and controller classes. The broad design is centered around the Model View Controller (MVC) pattern where the UI and input from the user is sent through the view classes to their corresponding controller classes. Once the controller classes are called upon by the views, they coordinate with other controllers to retrieve and

store information within the model classes. These model classes serve as our real-world objects (e.g. devices and users) with basic attributes and occasionally perform their own activities but are primarily meant to be used by the controllers.

As mentioned in the design document for assignment 3, the design of the system focuses on end-to-end functionality for each element of the system. A model, controller, and view were created together for these elements (e.g. Activity Logging) and designed to interact with the models, controllers, and views of other elements rather than creating the views and models for every element and then later figuring out how to bridge the gap with controllers.

To give an idea of how the system communicates, we walk through a scenario in which an admin wishes to create a device from the admin controls. When the admin selects the “Device Name” field under “Manage Devices” on the left side of the admin controls, enters a name and device type for a new device, and clicks “Create device,” an event is triggered in the AdminView class. The view then calls the method `createNewDevice()` in the AdminController class and passes in the given name and device type. The controller then uses the device type to decide what device controller to call on. If, for example, the device type is “CAMERA” then the admin controller calls `createCamera()` on the camera controller which then checks to see if that camera name is already registered. If the camera controller has a camera by that name, then it throws a `RegistrationException` and the admin controller catches it, sets a warning text in its view, and logs the error. If it doesn’t, then it creates a new camera object with the given name, puts it into its maps, updates the cameras in the camera view, saves the information to a file, and logs the successful camera creation.

Logging

We decided to remove the logger classes of SLF4J in order to more effectively control logging in the application and display messages from the admin interface as seen in the Figure 1.

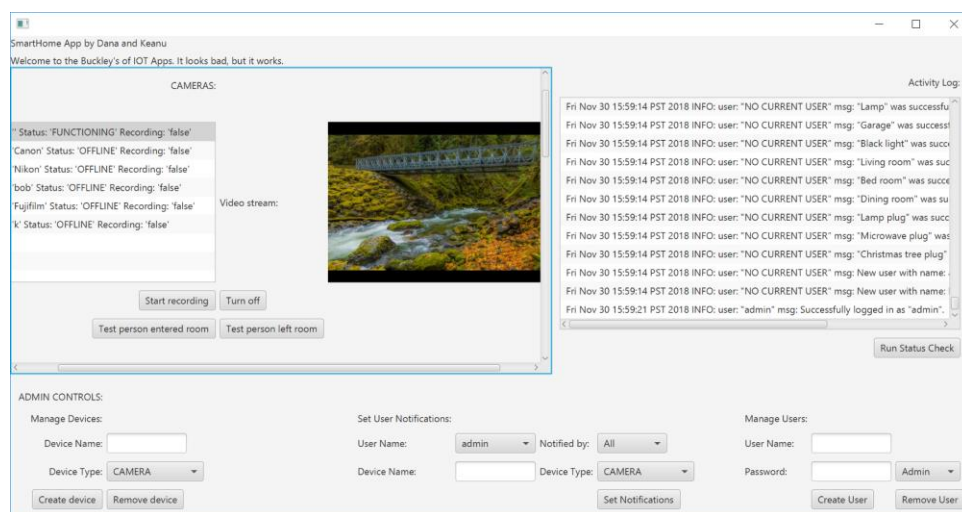


Figure 1. The admin interface of the application. The Activity Log is displayed in the upper right, the basic user view in the upper left, and the admin controls along the bottom.

Many calls to the SLF4J logger class were made in assignment 3, thus to prevent the need to completely replace these calls, we gave the ActivityLogController class `info()`, `warn()`, and `error()` methods and

simply replaced the object type of each class's logger attribute from `Logger` to `ActivityLogController`. The `ActivityLogController` writes to a file named `ActivityLogs.json` and reads from them upon construction of the controller class. Finally, the `ActivityLogController` holds a reference to the device controllers (which implement the `Runnable` interface) and runs a thread for each device controller within its `statusCheck()` method to perform a status check for each device in the system.

New Functionality

Figure 2 illustrates most, but not all, of the changes discussed here. To meet the requirements of the system, the admin controller was given methods for creating and removing users, as well as setting notifications for basic users (admins always see all devices). Within the Device controllers, each device name maps to a list of names of users that want to be notified by that device's activities. Setting notifications for a user consists of adding or removing the user's name from the lists that the devices hold (via the `unlink/linkUserToDevice()` methods). When a device controller updates the devices displayed in its corresponding device view, it looks for devices that have the current user in their user lists (hence the reference to the `CurrentUser` class held by the `CameraController` class in Figure 2).

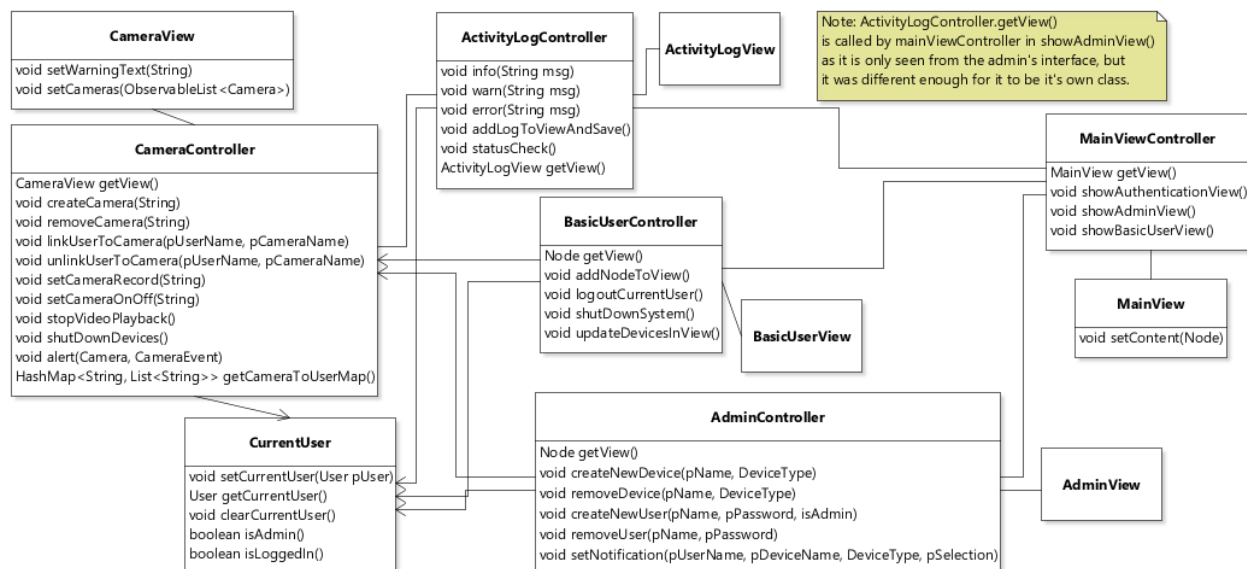


Figure 2. An illustration of new methods and the `ActivityLog` classes (the model for which is not shown due to its simplicity). Just as in the diagrams for assignment 3, it can be imagined that all the references to and from `CameraController` are similar in the other device controllers.

Changes have also been made to the `BasicUserController` class from assignment 3. It now contains a reference to each device controller because it is responsible for facilitating the `shutDownSystem()` method which safely turns off all of the devices by calling `shutDownDevices()` on each device controller. It also uses its references to the device controllers to update the devices in its view (which consists of a list of device views) by calling `update[Devices]InView()` on each controller.

Many more aspects and small changes could be discussed, but we leave the remaining design changes and details up to the marker to discover and evaluate.