ChargeHubBerlin Project Documentation

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Introduction to the Project and Use Cases

The **ChargeHubBerlin** project is designed to provide users with an interactive interface to search for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Berlin and report station malfunctions. The project employs **Domain-Driven Design (DDD)** and **Test-Driven Development (TDD)** principles to ensure an organized and robust implementation.

Use Case 1: Search by Postal Code

- Users can:
 - o Enter a postal code in Berlin.
 - o Retrieve a list of charging stations in the specified area.
 - View the results on an interactive map.

Use Case 2: Report Malfunction

- Users can:
 - Report a malfunction at a specific charging station by entering details such as postal code, station ID, and comments.
 - View a list of all reported malfunctions, sorted by date.
 - o Filter malfunction reports by postal code, also sorted by date.

Technology Stack

- Programming Language: Python
- Frameworks/Libraries: Pytest, Pandas, Streamlit, Folium, Geopandas
- Database: CSV-based InMemory database for simplicity
- Frontend Tool: Streamlit (for user interface)
- Development Environment: VS Code

Project Architecture

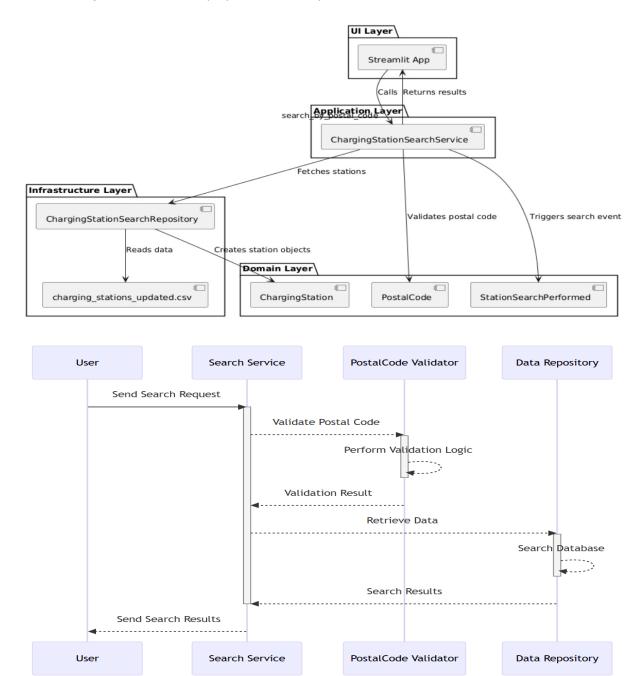
Folder Structure and Responsibilities

- 1. Charging Folder: Contains all core functionality.
 - Application Layer: Handles high-level operations.
 - station search service.py: Implements the "Search by Postal Code" use case.
 - malfunction_report_service.py: Implements the "Report Malfunction" use case.
 - o **Domain Layer**: Core functionality.
 - Entities:
 - charging_station.py: Represents a charging station.
 - malfunction_report_entities.py: Represents malfunction reports.
 - Events:
 - station_search_performed.py: Logs searches.
 - malfunction_report_events.py: Logs malfunction reports.
 - Value Objects:
 - postal code.py: Validates and manages postal code logic.
 - malfunction_report_value_objects.py: Handles report-specific logic.
 - Infrastructure Layer:
 - Repositories:
 - charging station search repository.py: Fetches station data.
 - malfunction_report_repository.py: Handles malfunction report data.
 - Datasets: Includes CSV files (charging_stations_updated.csv, malfunction_reports.csv, etc.).
- 2. **Shared Folder**: Contains reusable utilities like methods.py, HelperTools.py.
- 3. **Tests Folder**: Implements test cases for both use cases (station_search.py, malfunction_report.py).

Domain Event Flow

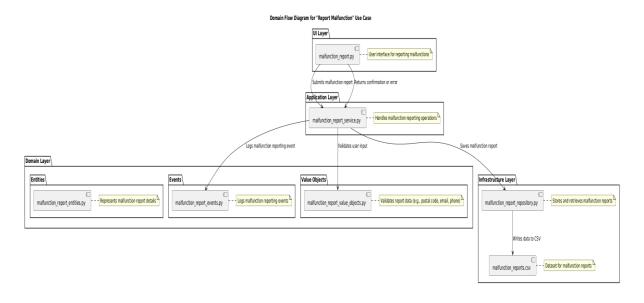
Search by Postal Code

- 1. Input: User enters a postal code in Streamlit.
- 2. Validation: Input is validated using PostalCode.
- 3. **Data Fetching**: Repository retrieves matching stations.
- 4. **Event Logging**: StationSearchPerformed logs the search event.
- 5. Output: Results are displayed interactively.



Report Malfunction

- 1. Input: User submits a malfunction report in Streamlit.
- 2. **Validation**: User input (postal code, station ID, comments, email, and phone number) is validated.
- 3. **Data Handling**: Report is saved in malfunction_reports.csv through the repository.
- 4. **Event Logging**: MalfunctionReportLogged logs the report event.
- 5. Output: Reports can be viewed or filtered.



TDD Implementation

Development Workflow

- 1. **Red Phase**: Defined test cases for edge scenarios like invalid emails, phone numbers, and incomplete malfunction reports.
- 2. **Green Phase**: Implemented functionalities step by step to pass the tests:
 - o Added validation for postal codes, email, and phone numbers.
 - o Integrated malfunction reporting features.
 - o Ensured seamless interaction between UI and backend.
- 3. Refactor Phase: Improved code structure and added inline documentation.

Test Cases

Search by Postal Code:

- Valid postal code like 10115 retrieves stations.
- Invalid postal code (e.g., 99999) raises an exception.

Report Malfunction:

- test_report_malfunction_for_valid_data: Ensures valid data creates a report successfully.
- test_cannot_report_malfunction_for_invalid_email: Invalid email addresses are rejected.

- test_cannot_report_malfunction_for_invalid_phone_number: Invalid phone numbers are rejected.
- test_cannot_report_malfunction_without_description: Reports without a description are rejected.
- test_get_reports_by_postal_code: Retrieves all reports for a specific postal code.
- test_get_all_reports: Retrieves all malfunction reports from the repository.

Test Coverage

• Achieved ~85% test coverage by thoroughly testing both use cases.

UI and Streamlit Integration

Features

- 1. **Search by Postal Code**: Users can search for stations by entering a postal code.
- 2. **Report Malfunction**: Users can report issues via a dedicated interface.
- 3. Map Visualization: Displays charging station locations and availability.

Interaction Flow

- **Search**: Input postal code → Validate → Fetch results → Display on the map.
- **Report Malfunction**: Input details → Validate → Save report → Display confirmation.

Integration of Datasets

- 1. Preprocessed data using Pandas/Geopandas.
- 2. Ensured compatibility of CSV data for seamless visualization.
- 3. Added a new dataset (malfunction reports.csv) for managing malfunction reports.

Challenges and Solutions

- 1. Implementing DDD Principles:
 - o **Challenge**: Structuring the project consistently.
 - o **Solution**: Strictly followed DDD guidelines with clear separation of layers.
- 2. Error Handling:
 - Challenge: Validating and managing user inputs.
 - Solution: Added exceptions (InvalidPostalCodeException, invalid email/phone handling).
- 3. Streamlit Integration:
 - o **Challenge**: Handling interactions in a user-friendly manner.
 - o **Solution**: Added modular layers for scalability and efficiency.

Project Completion

Milestones Achieved

- Implemented "Search by Postal Code" and "Report Malfunction" use cases.
- Integrated datasets and ensured proper validation.
- Built an interactive Streamlit interface.

Pending Tasks

• Enhancing map layers for malfunction visualization.

Lessons Learned

- Clear separation of concerns using DDD principles simplifies maintenance.
- Writing tests first ensures high-quality, reliable code.
- Collaboration and iterative feedback improve overall development.