

I.3. System Design Document

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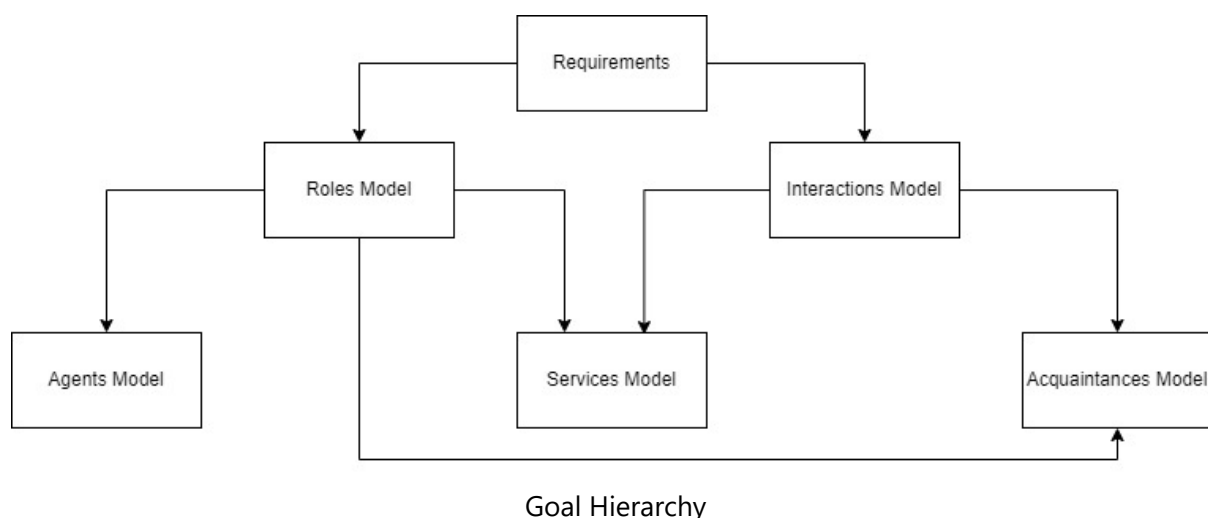
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In the **system design document**, we are going to speak about the six pieces of information following an agent-based development methodology (i.e., GAIA), and create the analysis and design documents specified by the GAIA methodology. This section includes: [Goal Hierarchy](#), [Agent System Architecture](#), [Role Identification](#), [Agent Description](#), [Agent Internal Architecture](#), and finally [Technology Overview](#).

3-1. Goal Hierarchy

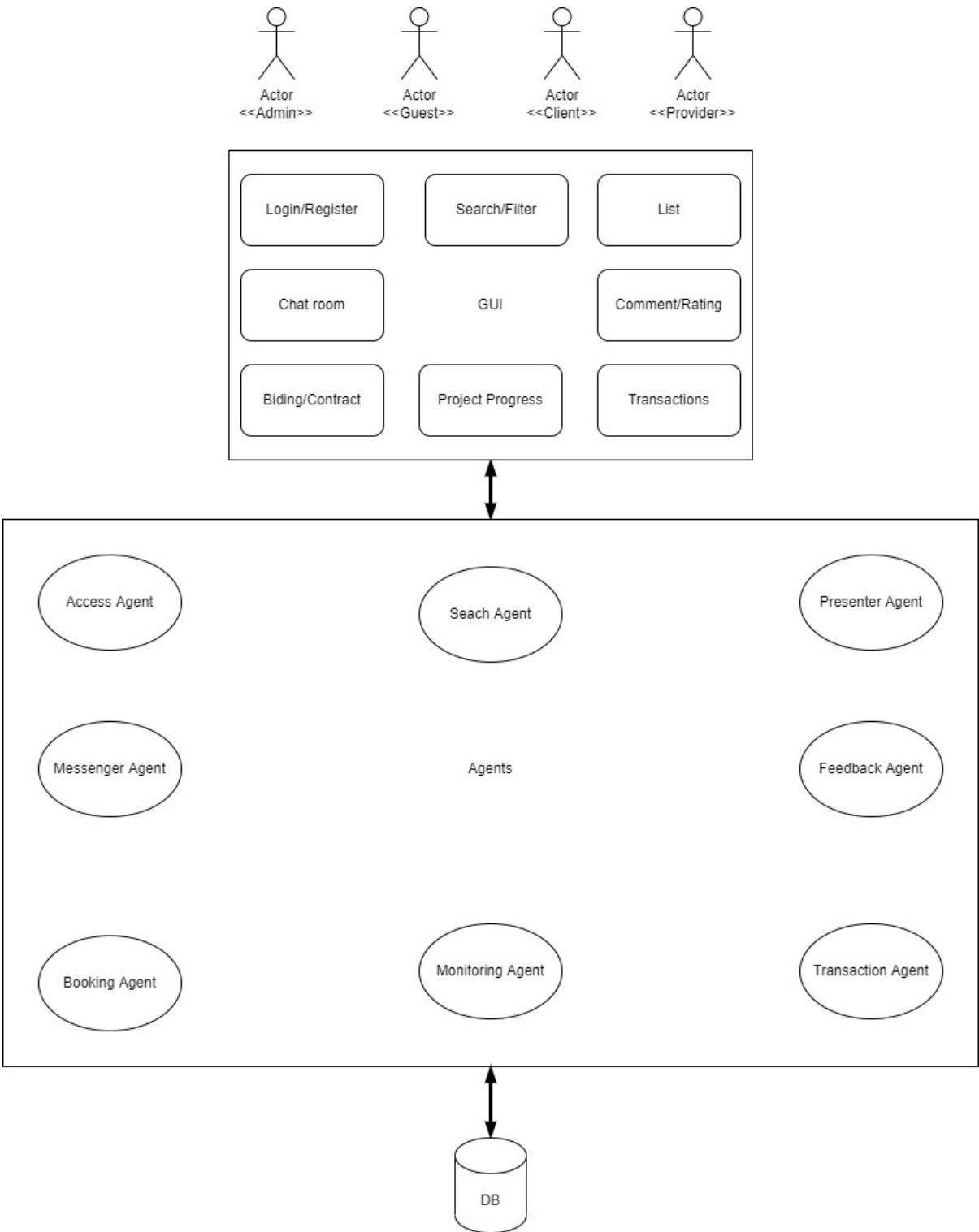
Using GAIA, we think of each agent as an entity with the resources of a computational processor. It is presumed that the objective is to create a system that maximizes a particular global quality metric. From the perspective of the system's constituent parts, nevertheless, this structure might not be ideal.

The GAIA approach encourages developers to see creating software systems as an organizational design process with software agents serving as its building blocks. Therefore, in our analysis phase, we planned to extract 5 models from the requirements.



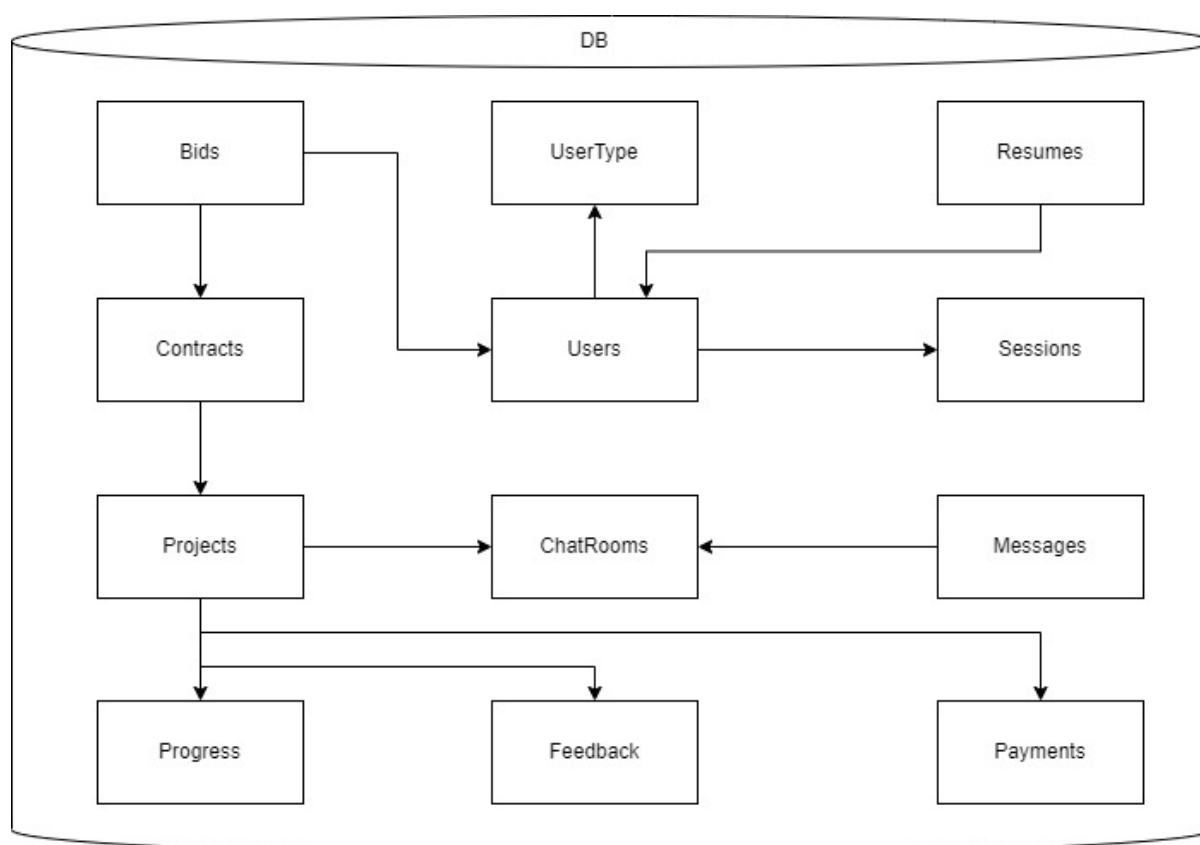
3-2. System Architecture

Here is a high-level design of our system.



System Architecture

If we want to go in more details, we should demonstrate our database structure first:



Database Architecture

The user starts the journey with the login page. If he or she wants, they can just login as a guest and access the system with limited search functionality.

Otherwise, if they don't have an account, they can move to register page and register as a **Provider** or **Client** by providing the required information.

After a successful login, user will be redirected to his or her dashboard.

In the dashboard

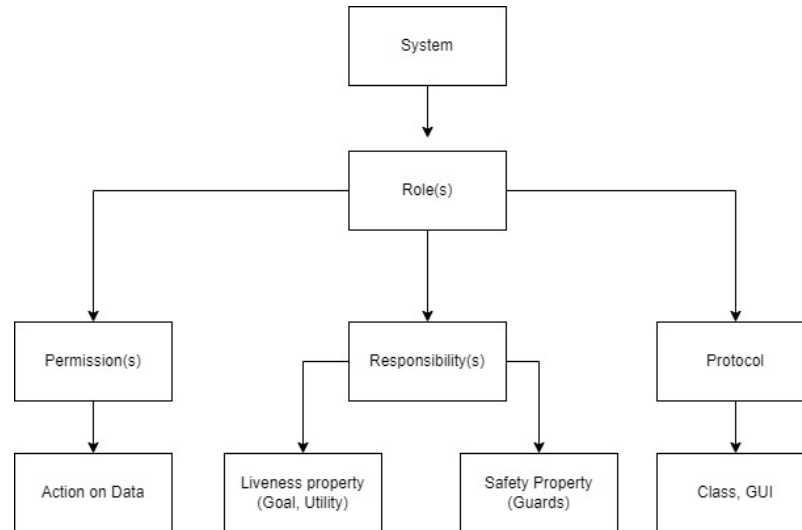
1. There is a list of current projects for monitoring, reporting, payment, and or requesting/confirming a change.
2. There is a list of past projects for commenting or rating the other party.
3. There is a pending list that shows list of projects that needs some sort of actions. For example, accepting or rejecting a bid, or confirming a contract. After any action, the list of projects will be updated.

Also, there is an option for **Clients** only to bid after selecting a **Provider** from the search list.

Finally, user can logout of the system for safety reasons.


3-3. Roles Identification


One of the main steps in GAIA methodology is to identifying roles based on the following chart.




Role detection process

Therefore, here is a table that demonstrates the detected roles.

	Role	By means of?	What?	What?	How?
Row#	Role Name	Permissions	Liveness Property	Safety Property	Protocols
1	Sign Up	Read and Write users data	Handles the process of sign up for Providers and Clients	Checks validity of user data.	Registration
2	Sign In	Read users data, Authenticate user, Create Session	Handles the process of authentication. If user exists then creates a session. Also, create guest session for Guests.	Checks for active users, and apply SQL injection guards	Authenticator
3	Search Engine	Read providers data	Apply a query on Keywords column of providers table	Deliver a list of providers based on the data that user allowed to access.	SearchEngine
4	Bid Handler	Read and write on bids data	Handles the process of creating, accepting, or rejecting a bid	Checks if Clients have any waiting bid or not. Only one bid per Provider is allowed.	Bid

	Role	By means of?	What?	What?	How?
5	Contract Creation	Read and Write contracts data	Handles the process of creating contracts and sends the contract to both sides after Provider accepts the bid.	Checks if there is no contracts waiting for acceptance for these 2 parties.	CreateContract
6	Project Creation	Read and Write projects data, Read contracts data	Handles the process of creating the project based on the Client request after accepting contracts by both side.	Checks both Provider and Client have been accepted the contract and there is no project in database.	CreateProject
7	Payment Handler	Reads and write payment data	Handles the process of Payments	Checks if payments has not yet been done, Checks if payment is equal to what we have in Contract.	TransferMoney
8	Project Tracker	Reads and write projects progress data	Handles the process of tracking project progress, deadline and estimations	Checks if project is still active.	TrackProject
9	Project Change Handler	Read and write projects data	Handles the process of changing a project, upon the Client request. Delivers the changed requirement/contract to Provider.	Checks if there is no change request in database.	ChangeProject
10	Message Handler	Read and write messages data	Handles the process of sending messages between Provider and Client in a specific chatroom	Checks if user belongs to a chatroom	Message

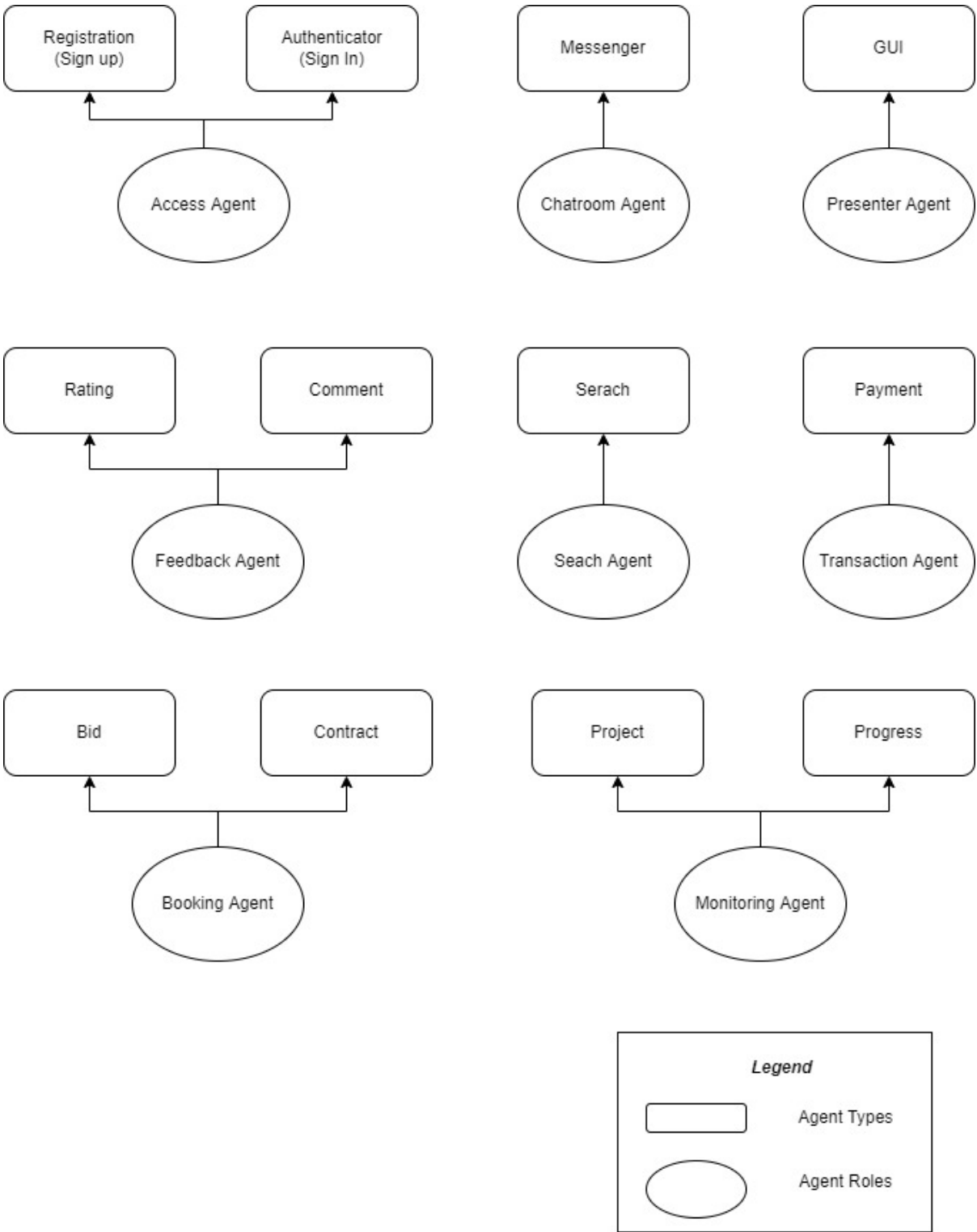
	Role	By means of?	What?	What?	How?
11	Feedback Handler	Read and write feedback data	Handles the comments and ratings of projects	Checks if user has worked with feedback receiver via a contract in the past. Checks if user has not yet deliver a feedback related to an experience.	Feedback

3-4. Agents Description

We detected and designed 8 agents for this system as following:

1. **Access Agent:** This agent is responsible for registration, login and logout of users. If user provides correct credentials it generates a session in the database.
2. **Search Agent:** This agents is responsible for applying suitable query on the database, list providers based on the ordering rules which mentioned in the requirements.
3. **Presenter Agent:** This agent is responsible to show search results and other data related to each user in the GUI. We can assume this agent as the UI manager.
4. **Booking Agent:** This agent manage bids and contracts. It means this agent handles transactions tills forming a project.
5. **Transaction Agent:** This agent is responsible to convert a project state from *pending* to *active* upon receiving money from the **Client**. Also, as soon as a change to the project confirmed, it changes the state to *pending* again. It also calculates and conveys the portion of the **Provider** from the earnings. A project's state cannot change after it is been flagged as *completed*.
6. **Chatroom Agent:** This agent conveys messages between two parties of a project and shows a history of old messages.
7. **Monitoring Agent:** This agent is responsible to records the amount of progress, and estimate the delivery time based on the current pace.
8. **Feedback Agent:** Finally, this agent is responsible to moderates rating and comments after a project is in *completed* state.

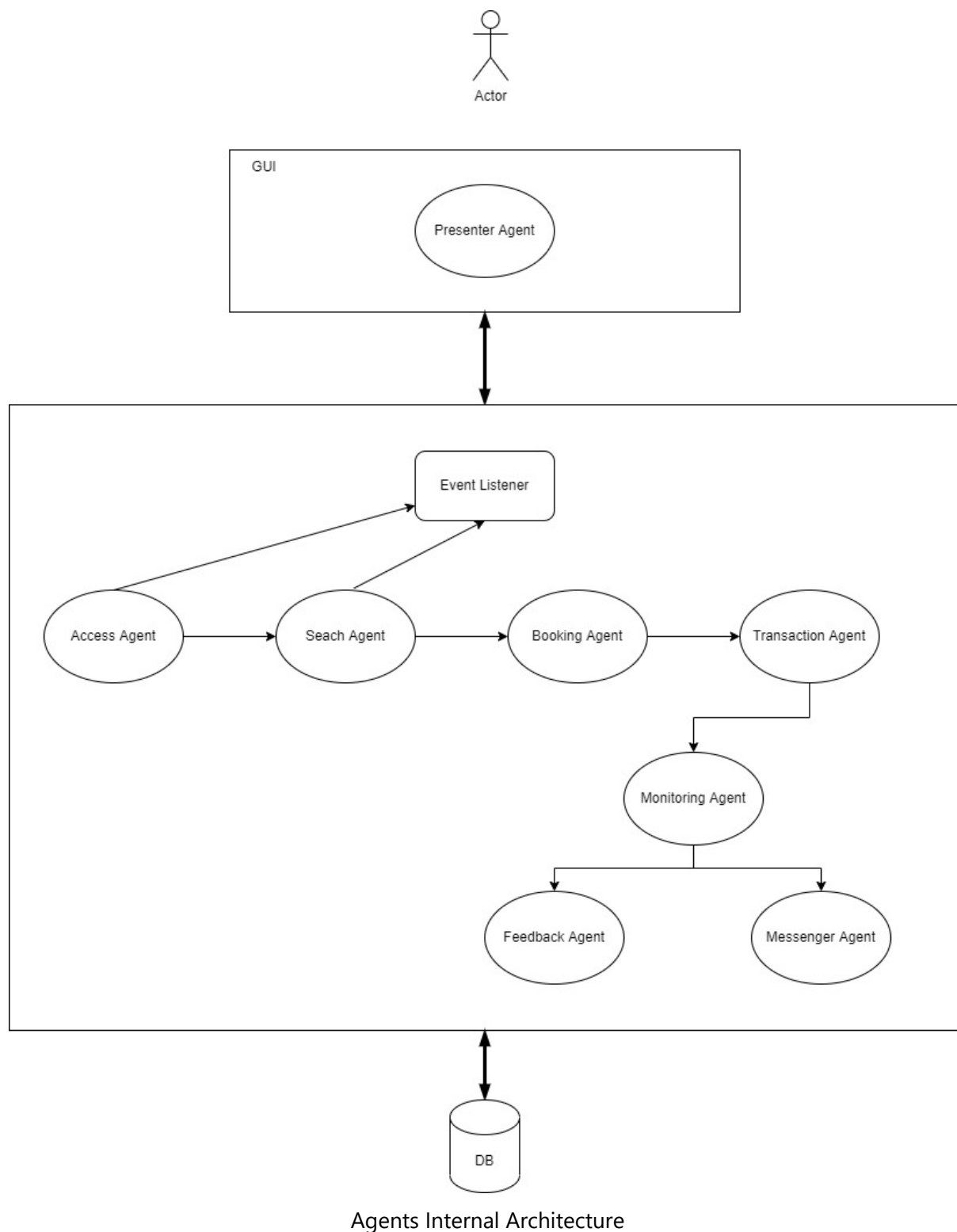
Here is a figure that illustrates our agent model.



Agent Model

3-5. Agents Internal Architecture

Here is a figure that illustrates the internal communication between the agents:



3-6. Technology Overview

1. Regarding the technology; we are going to use JAVA and JADE framework for implementation.
2. For persisting the information, we will use one of the JAVA internal databases, however, it is not yet clear which one at the moment. We need to clarify it later during the implementation with respect to

compatibility with JADE. What we can clearly stated now is, we are going to use one of the following databases:

- [H2](#)
- [HyperSQL](#)
- [Apache Derby](#)
- [Berkley DB](#)
- [Java DB](#)
- [ObjectDB](#)

3. Regarding IDE we are going to use Eclipse version 2022-06 and VScode version 2022-06.

4. For archiving the code, we use [this GitHub](#) repository.