

Deliverable #2

SE 3A04: Software Design II – Large System Design

Tutorial Number: T01

Group Number: G6

Group Members:

- Jane Klavir
- Nathan Luong
- Areez Visram
- Jennifer Ye

1 Introduction

The following document is dedicated to applying the requirements listed in the SRS in a practical manner to identify design details of the system. It will go into specifics on a class-level, demonstrating what the forecasted classes should be, and how they should interact with one-another within subsystems as well as the overall program architecture. This app is meant to be a long-term project for the company, meaning this document has the possibility of changing in the future.

1.1 Purpose

This document dives into the design of the system, describing the precise classes and system architecture. Accordingly, this document is largely meant for app developers, to give them a good idea of the framework of the program, and how various components interact with one another. Thus, reading this document will provide a comprehensive picture on the way the system is constructed.

1.2 System Description

Our system is organized in such a way that the overall pattern follows the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture. Using this style is practical for our system given that there are several data models (e.g. users, rides, prompts), controllers that carry out the logic of the system (e.g. UserController and RidesController), and the necessity for a highly interactive UI. Our system requires constant data processing, which is anticipated for highly dynamic systems such as taxi networks. There is also frequent interaction between users with other users, as well as users with the system, and our architecture organizes the system components in a coordinated way.

The system also has a couple of subsystems. The dispatcher is essentially the match-maker between the carpoolers. It is primarily organized around the TaxiSessionController, and interacts with a number of other classes, and follows a repository architecture. Then, the user profile subsystem handles the group of classes that manage user data, such as RegistrationController, CustomerEditPage, and other classes in that sphere. The other subsystems are the GPS, which interfaces with Google Maps for all navigation and location-tracking purposes, and the prompt generator, which implements an in-taxi game for carpoolers.

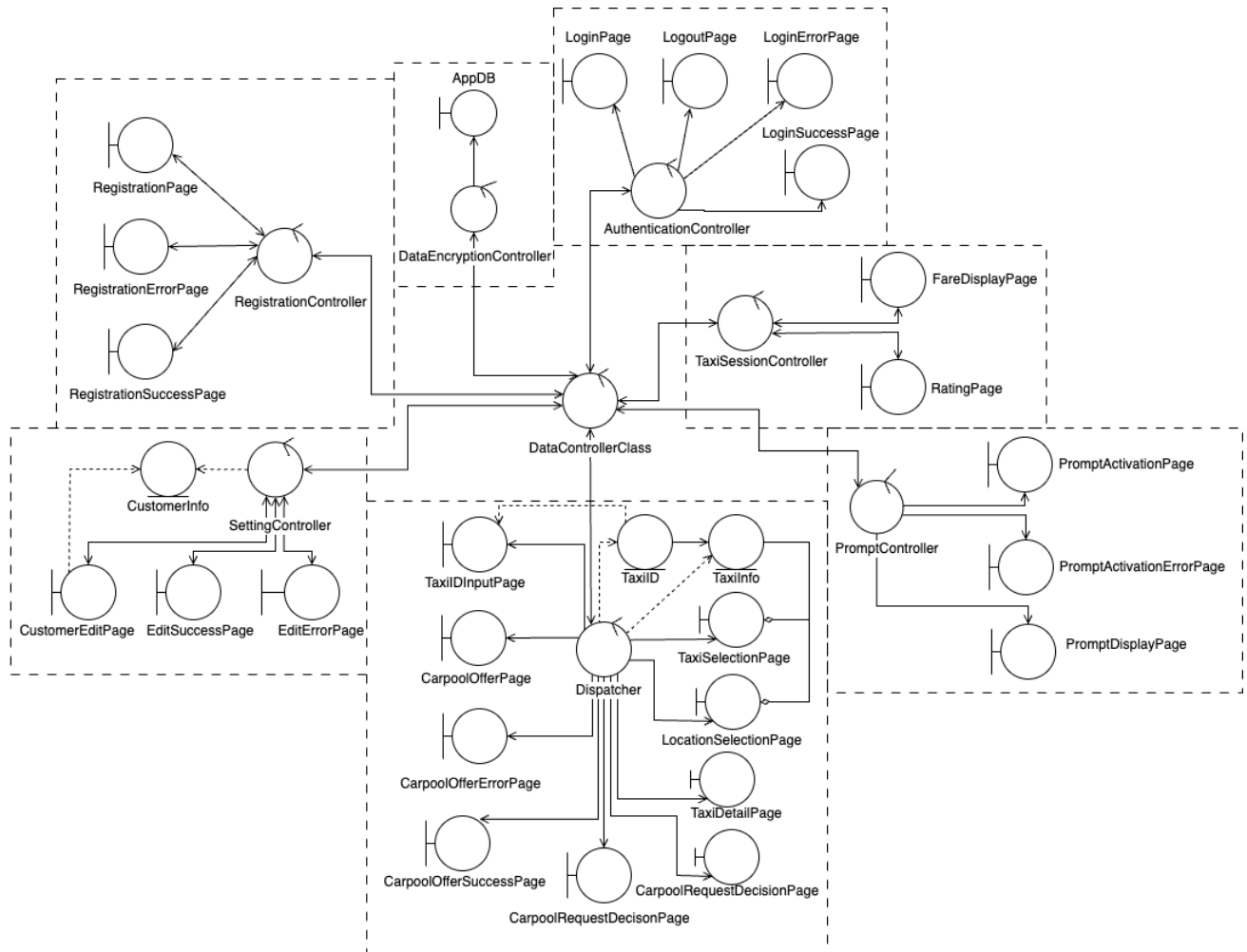
1.3 Overview

The rest of this document goes into further details on what has been described. In particular, Section 2 includes an analysis class diagram, which identifies the classes in our program, categorizes them, and exhibits their relationships with one another. Section 3 provides an overview of the structural design of the application; it identifies the specific architectural styles used for both the system as a whole, and subsystems. Section 4 comprises the Class Responsibility Collaboration (CRC) Cards, which identify the responsibilities and collaborators of each class in the program. Ultimately, this document applies the SRS to synthesize the requirements into a feasible design.

1.4 References

Qian, K. (2010). Software architecture and design illuminated. Jones and Bartlett Publ.

2 Analysis Class Diagram



3 Architectural Design

3.1 System Architecture

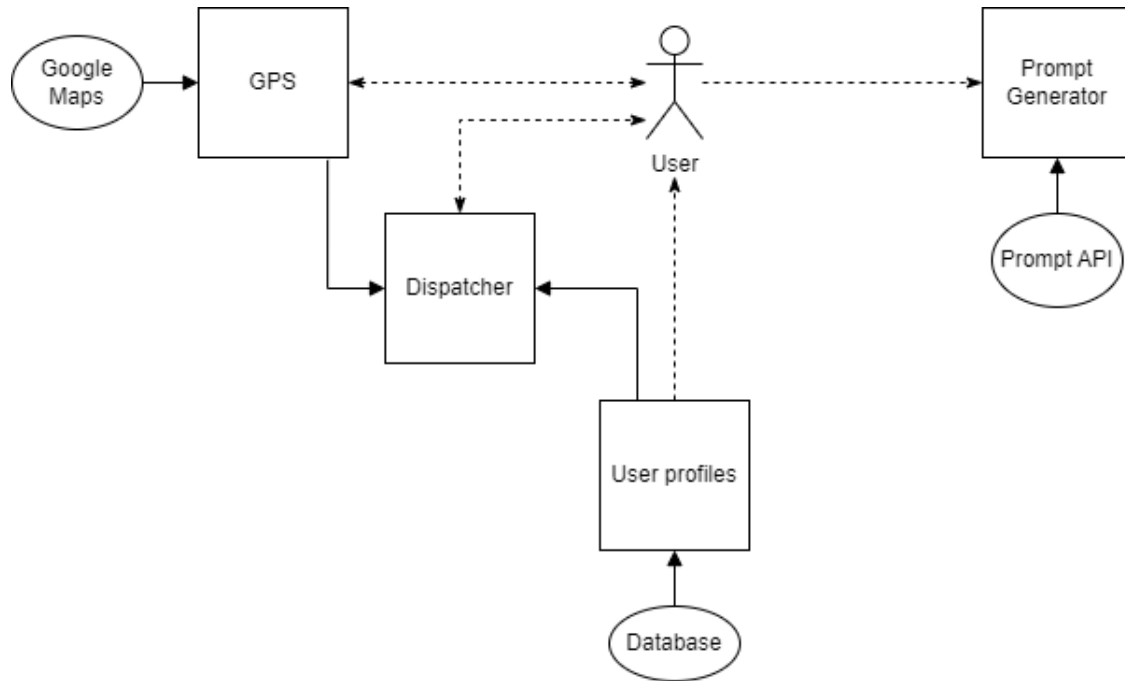
3.1.1 Overall Architecture and Justification

The overall architecture of the system is the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture, which is an interaction oriented architecture (Qian, 2010). The MVC architecture is the architecture that best fits the system that we are designing. The MVC style is best suited for interactive applications which contain multiple views for various data models (Qian, 2010). The application being implemented is heavily focused on the UI on the mobile app, and so an architecture style that allows for easy display of data into a UI view is suitable. Furthermore, our system contains multiple data models, for example, models for Users, Rides, Prompts and multiple pages/views across the application will interact with these data models. Furthermore, the MVC architecture is suitable for applications which are prone to frequent data changes (Qian, 2010). Our system is most definitely prone to frequent data changes, as rides are constantly being offered, arriving, and starting, which means the Rides model will be constantly updated and written to. Finally, the MVC architecture will allow us to separate the various logic functions into separate controllers. The architecture will allow for clear division of logic between controllers, which will make it easier to extend and modify the system. For example, we would have a UserController to handle user operations, a RidesController to handle ride operations and various other controllers to control the logic of other parts of the application. Given these benefits and the functionality of the system, we have chosen to implement the MVC architecture style for the main system.

3.1.2 Subsystem Architectures and Justification

Another architecture style will also be used for the various subsystems of our application. One of the subsystems within the main system is the Dispatcher subsystem, which is responsible for storing all information on taxis and carpool offerings, as well as deciding how to match carpool offers with requests that come in. The repository architecture style is best suited for systems (in this case a subsystem) in which a central data store stores information and various agents communicate with it (Qian, 2010). This architecture style fits the Dispatcher subsystem because the Dispatcher will contain a central data store which will store all the information about carpools. The data store will be passive, it will be like a database which just stores information and can be read from. The various agents for the repository will be the users who are requesting and offering carpools. These agents are active, as they drive the flow of the subsystem by sending carpool requests and offering carpools. The agents do not communicate directly with each other, they communicate via the data store by sending requests to the data store, and the data store facilitates the requests and decides appropriate matches. Given this, the repository architecture style is the most suitable for the Dispatcher subsystem.

3.1.3 Structural Architecture Diagram



3.1.4 Design Alternatives Considered

One design alternative for the main architecture that was considered was the Repository architectural style, which is a data centered architecture. We envisioned the system having a central passive database repository, with multiple active agents communicating with the data store. The agents were envisioned to be the different parts of the system, such as a user agent, a rides agent, a prompts agent, and then a dispatcher, all which communicated with the central data store. However, this design was not chosen because the system that is being built is a single mobile application connected to a database. The system does not involve multiple agents which must communicate with a central data store. If there were multiple applications that needed to communicate, this architecture style would be more applicable. However, it is a single application and the different parts of it can be represented using controllers within the architecture rather than external agents, so this design was not chosen.

The second design alternative for the main architecture that was considered was the Presentation-Abstraction-Control (PAC) architecture, which is also an interaction oriented architecture. Both MVC (the architecture that was chosen) and PAC could work for this system, but we ultimately chose MVC over PAC for various reasons. PAC was not chosen because PAC is more useful in complex applications, which require a hierarchical layering of agents. Our system is not complex, it is a single application that communicates with a database. In PAC, the only communication that can occur is between agents, and in our system, we would not have enough agents to justify having communication only between them. This would only add complexity. Furthermore, PAC is more useful for concurrent systems, which our app does not need to be to fulfill its requirements. Finally, PAC is less publicized and less widely used, and so for a somewhat inexperienced development team, MVC is a better choice as there are more resources, information and examples available to help in the design.

3.2 Subsystems

Provide a list of your subsystems, with a brief description of each. Be sure to document its purpose and relationship to other subsystems.

The first subsystem is the dispatcher. Essentially, the dispatcher is a data store for all communications within our system. The dispatcher has several purposes. The first is to store information about active taxis in the fleet. It also stores information about user offers and requests. Subsequently, the dispatcher suggests “offerers” to “requesters”, and once a “requester” requests to join the “offerer’s” taxi, the dispatcher must also display an updated fare to the “offerer” so that they can make an informed decision. This match-making process is another fundamental purpose of the dispatcher.

The next subsystem is the user profile subsystem, that handles tasks having to do with the processing and storage of user profiles. One main purpose of this subsystem is to facilitate the registration of new users. It records their information and remembers it in a database. Furthermore, another purpose is to allow registered users to make updates to their profile. When users edit their profiles, the user profile subsystem must make the necessary updates to the database so that all the information is up to date. Additionally, this subsystem allows registered users to delete their profiles, thenceforth these profiles are removed from the database.

Another subsystem is the GPS. The purpose of this subsystem is to allow users to track the route of their taxi. Also, it uses the carpoolers’ locations to determine distances between carpoolers. The GPS subsystem requires interfacing with Google Maps.

The final subsystem is the prompt generator. This subsystem executes our additional innovative feature, which is allowing carpoolers to socialize through a series interesting prompts. The prompt generator must also implement an API to fulfill its purpose of coming up with prompts.

The subsystems interact with one another when it comes to the match-making procedure described in the dispatcher subsystem. The dispatcher is at the centre of it all, and for it to perform its role, it uses the user profile and GPS subsystems to obtain critical information. First, the user profiles subsystem provides data on users’ social preferences, which helps the dispatcher predict user compatibility. Then, the GPS subsystem returns distances between the taxi and potential matches, which the dispatcher uses in showing trip conditions (estimated fare, time, and distance). Ultimately, this relationship is one in which the dispatcher is the central unit, and it uses the other subsystems to get the necessary parameters for its algorithm.

4 Class Responsibility Collaboration (CRC) Cards

Class Name: DataControllerClass	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles request to save Taxi Session Data (prices, rating, etc.) from TaxiSessionController for authenticated users	TaxiSessionController, DataEncryptionController
Handles request to fetch, and save Authentication Data (UID, username, password, etc.) from AuthenticationController	AuthenticationController, DataEncryptionController
Handles request to fetch Prompt Data (prompts, preferences, prompt histories, etc.) from PromptController for authenticated users	PromptController, DataEncryptionController
Handles request to fetch, edit, and save CarPool Data (trip histories, offering information, locations, etc.) from Dispatcher for authenticated users	DispatcherController, DataEncryptionController
Handles request to fetch, edit, and save User Setting Data (postal code, carpool preferences, name, bio, etc.) from SettingController for authenticated users	SettingController, DataEncryptionController
Handles request to fetch, edit, and save Authentication Data from RegistrationController for authenticated users	RegistrationController, DataEncryptionController
Handles decrypted data (listed above) returned from DataEncryptionController	DataEncryptionController
Request DataEncryptionController to encrypt sensitive user information (passwords, postalcode, etc.)	DataEncryptionController

Class Name: DataEncryptionController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles encryption and decryption of inbound and outbound requests (ie: HTTPS GET) between AppDB	AppDB, DataControllerClass
Handles encryption and decryption of sensitive data (postal codes, passwords) between the database and DataControllerClass	AppDB, DataControllerClass
Handles the sending and receiving of application data (user data, trip histories, prompts preferences, etc.) between AppDB and DataControllerClass	AppDB, DataControllerClass

Class Name: AppDB	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Accomplish the following two tasks in one atomic step: (1) Verifies the nonexistence of a username, password and email pair, (2) if successful, insert the pair into the database	DataEncryptionController
Accomplish the following two tasks in one atomic step: (1) Verifies the nonexistence of a username, password and email pair, (2) if successful, allow user to access the app	DataEncryptionController
Accomplish the following two tasks in one atomic step: (1) Verifies the nonexistence of a username, password and email pair, (2) if successful, remove the pair into the database	DataEncryptionController
Accomplish the following two tasks in one atomic step: (1) Assuming user is verified, use username to find prompt preferences (2) Return list of prompts based on the preference	DataEncryptionController
Assuming user is verified, insert all information of the carpool that is being offered	DataEncryptionController
Return all information of a carpool when details are requested	DataEncryptionController
Return list of carpools that has not met its number of people needed	DataEncryptionController
Accomplish the following two tasks in one atomic step: (1) Get the taxiID from the carpool listing currently on screen (2) Insert the taxiID to the user	DataEncryptionController
Assuming user is verified, save the entered destination to the user	DataEncryptionController

Class Name: RegistrationPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows and handles username input	
Knows and handles password input	
Knows and handles email input	
Knows RegistrationController	
Handles "Done" button click event	RegistrationController
Verifies unique user	RegistrationController

Class Name: RegistrationSuccessPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Finish" button click event	RegistrationController
Knows RegistrationController	

Class Name: RegistrationErrorPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Go Back" button click event	RegistrationController
Knows RegistrationController	
Knows RegistrationPage	

Class Name: RegistrationController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Know RegistrationPage	
Handles user registration request	DataControllerClass, RegistrationSuccessPage, RegistrationFailurePage
Know RegistrationSuccessPage	
Know RegistrationFailurePage	
Creates new user account	DataController
Verifies unique data from RegistrationPage	DataController

Class Name: CustomerInfo	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows username	
Knows password	
Knows email	
Knows birth date	
Knows prompt preferences	
Knows SettingController	

Class Name: CustomerEditPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Know password	
Know username	
Know prompt preferences	
Handles "Save" button click event (to check if user changes are possible)	SettingController
Handles "Discard" button click (to discard any changes input fields)	
Handles "Delete Account" button click event	SettingController

Class Name: EditSuccessPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Finish" button click event	SettingController
Knows SettingController	

Class Name: EditErrorPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Go Back" button click event	SettingController
Knows SettingController	
Knows CustomerEditPage	

Class Name: SettingController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles new user profile information edit request	DataControllerClassr, EditSuccessPage, EditErrorPage
Handles user account deletion	DataControllerClass
Know CustomerInfo	
Know EditSuccessPage	
Know EditErrorPage	
Know CustomerEditPage	
Knows DataControllerClass	

Class Name: PromptController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles exit prompt request	DataControllerClass
Handles prompt list request based on user preference	DataControllerClass

Class Name: PromptDisplayPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Know list of prompts	PromptController
Handles "Refresh" button click event	PromptController
Handles "Exit" button click event	PromptController

Class Name: PromptActivationPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Activate" button click event	PromptController
Handles "Exit" button click event	PromptController
Knows PromptController	

Class Name: PromptActivationErrorPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Retry" button click event	PromptController
Handles "Exit" button click event	PromptController
Knows PromptController	

Class Name: DispatcherController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles submitting carpool offer	DataControllerClass
Handles submitting carpool request	DataControllerClass
Handles display enter destination screen request	LocationSelectionPage
Handles getting more details for a listing request	DataControllerClass, TaxiDetailPage
Handles carpool offer list requests	DataControllerClass
Handles user selecting the carpool offer through confirm request	DataControllerClass
Handles going back to taxi carpool listing page	TaxiSelectionPage
Handles saving destination location request	DataControllerClass
Know if user is registered	
Know CarpoolOfferPage	
Know CarpoolOfferSuccessPage	
Know CarpoolOfferErrorPage	
Know TaxiSelectionPage	
Know TaxiDetailPage	
Know LocationSelectionPage	
Know DataControllerClass	

Class Name: CarpoolOfferPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows number of people to offer the carpool to	
Knows the destination of the carpool	
Knows taxiID	
Knows if the carpool would like to participate in the prompt feature	
Handles "Submit Offer" button click event	DispatcherController

Class Name: CarpoolOfferSuccessPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Confirm" button click event	DispatcherController
Knows DispatcherController	
Knows CarpoolOfferPage	

Class Name: CarpoolOfferErrorPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Retry" button click event	DispatcherController
Knows DispatcherController	
Knows CarpoolOfferPage	

Class Name: TaxiIDInputPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles input events (QRCode scanning, text-field input, etc.)	
Knows TaxiID	

Class Name: TaxiID	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows DispatcherController	
Knows Taxi's Unique Identifier	

Class Name: TaxiInfo	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows Dispatcher	
Contains TaxiID	
Knows TaxiSelectionPage	
Knows LocationSelectionPage	

Class Name: TaxiSelectionPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Destination" button click event	DispatcherController
Sorts taxi listing based on criteria selected though "Sort by" button click event	
Handles "Details" button click event on each taxi listing	DispatcherController
Filters taxi carpool listing based on selected criteria	
Requests list of taxi carpool in the users current area	DispatcherController
Knows basic details (destination, number of people in the offer, time) of each listing	
Knows the list of offers available	DispatcherController

Class Name: TaxiDetailPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Confirm" button click event	DispatcherController
Handles "←" button click event	DispatcherController
Handles information request on page load for a taxiID offer listing	DispatcherController
Know all the listing's information (prompt preferences, car type, number of people already in the carpool, number of people wanted for the carpool, estimated price, etc.)	

Class Name: CarpoolRequestDecisionPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Knows requesting ride share user data	DispatcherController
Handles "Accept" click event button	DispatcherController
Handles "Reject" click event button	DispatcherController
Displays general information on the requesting ride share user for offer-er to decide (destination, age, prompt pref, etc.)	

Class Name: LocationSelectionPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "←" button click event	DispatcherController
Handles "Save" button click event	DispatcherController
Calculates the estimated difference in distance between the start and end destinations	
Knows desired destination of a user	
Knows difference in distance between current and desired location	
Knows if destination entered is possible	
Knows the start location of the user	

Class Name: FareDisplayPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "←" button click event	TaxiSessionController
Calculates and displays the fare for the user when carpool ends	

Class Name: RatingPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Submit" button click event	TaxiSessionController
Knows number of stars user gives the trip	
Knows number of stars user gives the app experience	

Class Name: AuthenticationController	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles authentication logic (login and logout) and requests	DataControllerClassr, LoginPage, LoginErrorPage, LoginSuccessPage, LogoutPage
Know LoginPage	
Know LogoutPage	
Know LoginErrorPage	
Know LoginSuccessPage	
Knows DataControllerClass	

Class Name: LoginPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Know username	
Know password	
Handles "Login" button click event	AuthenticationController
Know AuthenticationController	

Class Name: LoginErrorPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Retry" button click event	AuthenticationController
Knows AuthenticationController	
Knows LoginPage	

Class Name: LoginSuccessPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Continue to app" button click event	AuthenticationController
Knows AuthenticationController	

Class Name: LogoutPage	
Responsibility:	Collaborators:
Handles "Logout" button click event	AuthenticationController
Knows AuthenticationController	

A Division of Labour

Include a Division of Labour sheet which indicates the contributions of each team member. This sheet must be signed by all team members.