

# Group 2 Plagiarism Detector

## *Phase B: System Design*

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## **Abstract**

### Background

Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and often limits both the personal and collective success of students in the academic environment. In order to reduce the impact of plagiarism within the computer science program at Northeastern University, the department's faculty has reached out for assistance in acquiring a software tools that can detect plagiarism in student submitted programming assignments.

### Language Choices

The plagiarism detector program will be written in Java and will support both C and Python. This is due to the fact that C and Python are popular core foundational programming languages taught to NEU students and therefore there is a high likelihood for potential plagiarism and abuse by students. Additionally, all three languages share similarities in that both Python and Java were written and heavily influenced by the C language.

### Algorithms

The program will support both basic transformations such as a simple lexicographical comparison between two single file programs as well as complex transformations and attempts to hide plagiarism within multi-file projects. This will require use of and design of algorithms potentially falling in the following categories: substring matching, fingerprinting, “bag of words analysis”, stylometry, parse trees, locally sensitive hashing, k means clustering, or code- sequence-matching.

### Features

The program will incorporate a database to allow registered Professors, Instructors, or Teaching Assistants to keep track of their students and the results of plagiarism detector analysis. The database will also allow for storing of student email addresses and code files in order to ease further processing of the same code.

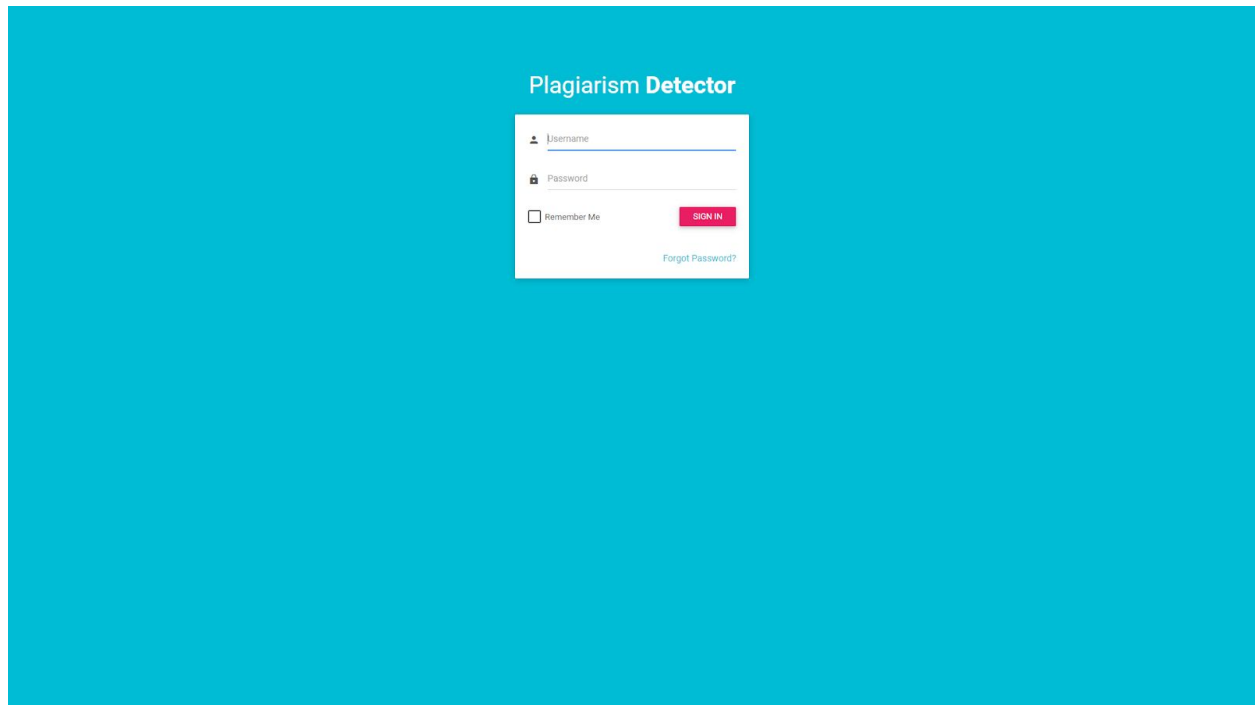
### User Interface

The user will interact with the program using a web application.

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## User Interface

### Login screen



This is the login screen, where the professor (and in future releases professor designated Teaching Assistants and students) enter their credentials to sign in. The `onClick()` method of the sign in button will generate the Upload Files UI.

## Upload Screen

The screenshot shows the 'Upload Files' interface of the Plagiarism Detector. It features a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Upload Files, and Result. The main content area is titled 'Upload Files' and includes a language selection dropdown, two file upload sections ('Upload First File.' and 'Upload Second File.'), and a red 'Submit' button. Each upload section has a 'Choose Files' button and a 'No file chosen' status. The footer contains copyright information and the version number (1.0.5).

This is the upload files UI, where the professor uploads the two separate project folders. The `onClick()` method for the submit button generates the results UI.

## Results Screen

The screenshot shows the 'Results' interface of the Plagiarism Detector. It features a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Upload Files, and Result. The main content area is titled 'Results:' and displays the following findings:

- Function calculateFinal was found to be same at Line 45 in sample.c and demo.c
- File name are different
- Variable names appeared to be changed at Line 10 in sample.c and demo.c
- OutputFunction is different for sample.c and dmeo.c

Below the results, there are two sections for the uploaded files:

- First Upload:** Displays the code for `sample.c`, which includes comments and CSS styles for a menu and sidebar header.
- Second Upload:** Displays the code for `demo.c`, which is identical to the first upload.

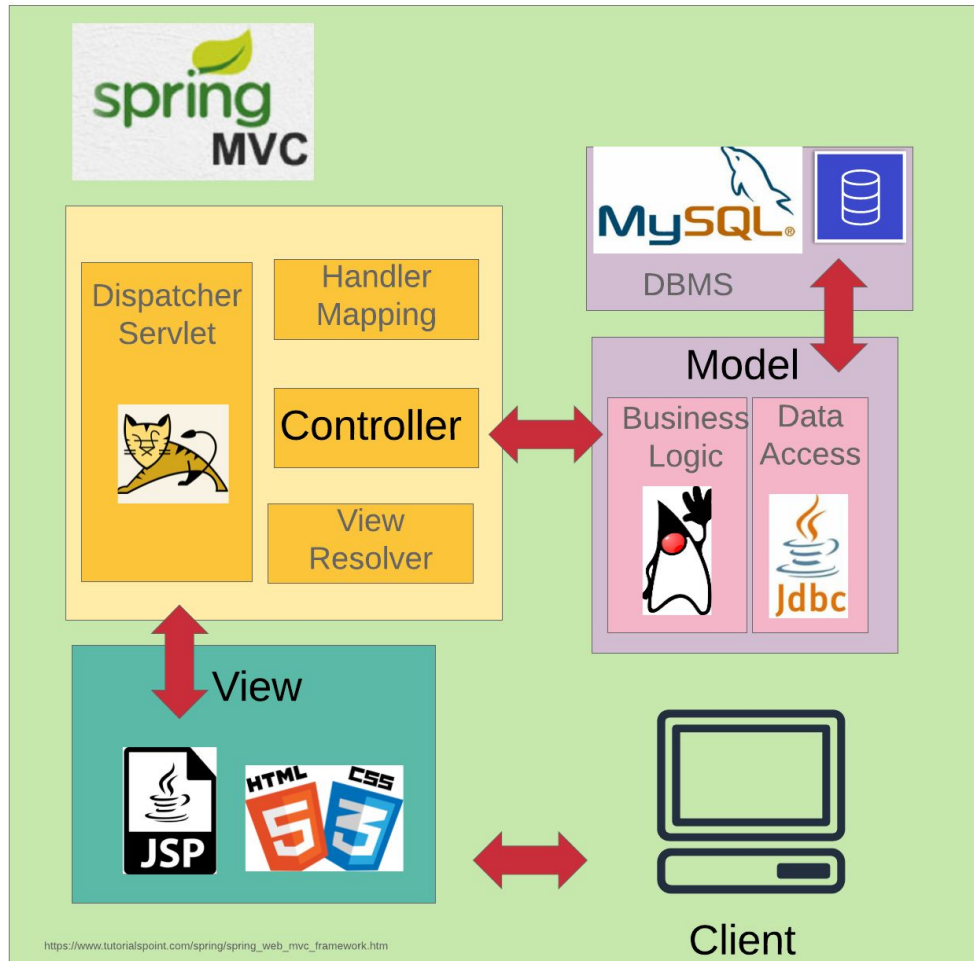
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This screen will show the results to the professor. The two packages will be shown side by side, with any potential plagiarism flagged.

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## Major Components and Data Structures

### System Architecture



### Dependencies, Frameworks, and External Libraries:

**SpringMVC** is a Java-based application framework and inversion of control container for the Java platform. The framework's core features can be used by any Java application, with extensions for building web applications on top of the Java EE (Enterprise Edition) platform. The SpringMVC flavor of the Spring platform features its own model-view-controller (MVC) web application framework.

<https://spring.io/>

**Apache Tomcat** is a web server for Java Web applications. It is an implementation of the Java Servlet, JavaServer Pages, Java Expression Language and Java WebSocket technologies.

<https://tomcat.apache.org/>

**MySQL** is an open-source relational database management system utilizing its own flavor of the Structured Query Language standard.

<https://www.mysql.com/>

**Oracle JDBC** is a Java Database Connectivity API providing universal data access from the Java for accessing relational databases from Java program.

<https://www.oracle.com/database/technologies/appdev/jdbc.html>

**IntelliJ** is a Java integrated development environment (IDE).

<https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>

**Maven** is a build automation tool used primarily for Java projects allowing dynamic downloads of Java libraries and plug-ins from external repositories.

<https://maven.apache.org/>

**ANTLR** known as ANother Tool for Language Recognition is a parser generator for reading, processing, executing, and translating structured text or binary files. It supports import of programming language “grammar” for building and walking Abstract Syntax Tree parse trees.

<https://wwwantlr.org/>

## Major Classes

In order to allow for extensible enhancement of our application via future releases, we chose to center the design around the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern. MVC supports application extensibility, simultaneous development, high cohesion, loose coupling, ease of modification, and allows the use of multiple views and controllers for a model.

### **Model**

The Model is our application's primary data structure, responsible for processing inputted code files independent of the user interface. This module is responsible for classes and interfaces relating to the business logic, our lexer and parser algorithm engines, and storage and retrieval of data housed in a MySQL DBMS.

### **View**

The view will provide a graphical way for users to interact with the system. It will be accessed via a web application. There will be buttons allowing upload of files and for the user to initialize code analysis. The view will also display both “diff” comparisons of

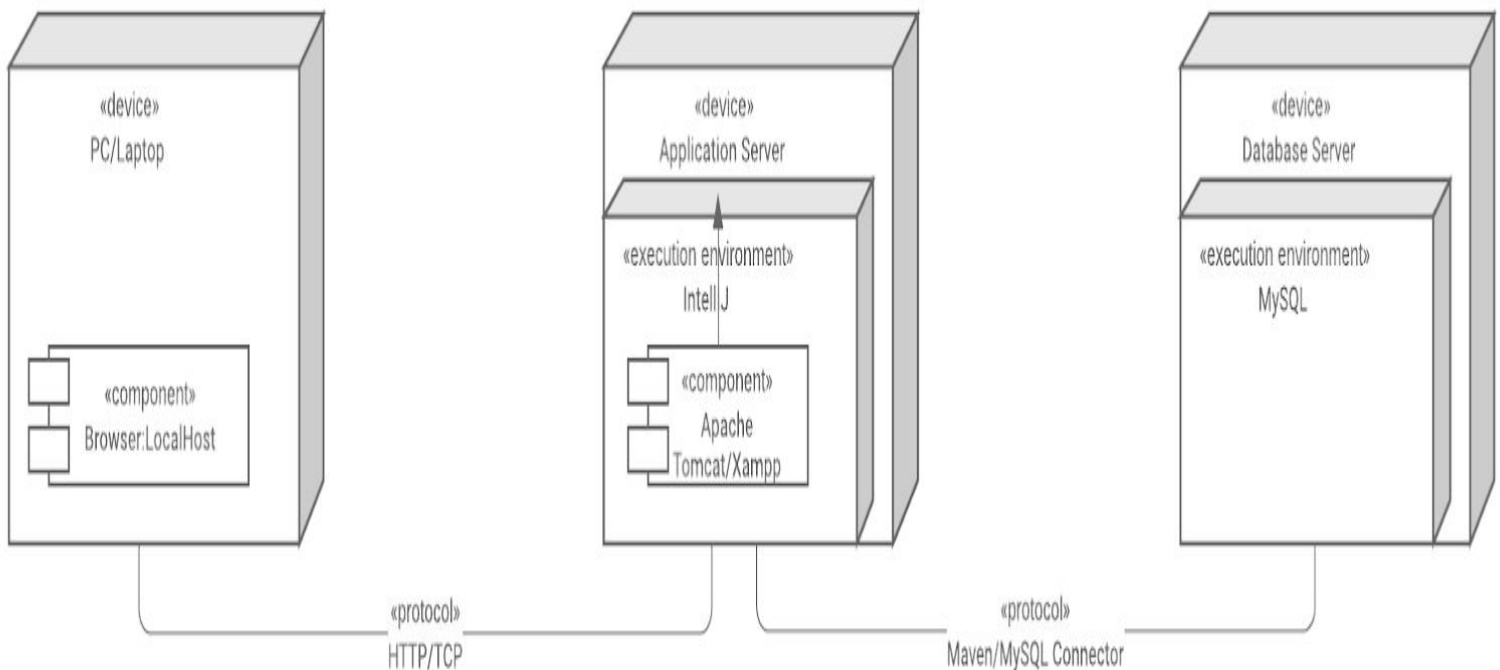
analyzed code as well as potentially other visualizations such as highlighting of similar parsed data structures or charts highlighting code analysis results.

### Controller

The Controller is the main driver for our program. This module is responsible for taking input (file packages) from the user, and giving it to the model to process. The controller will also take the result (where potential plagiarism is detected) from the model, and pass it back to the view to display to the professor.

## UML Class Diagrams

### Deployment Diagram

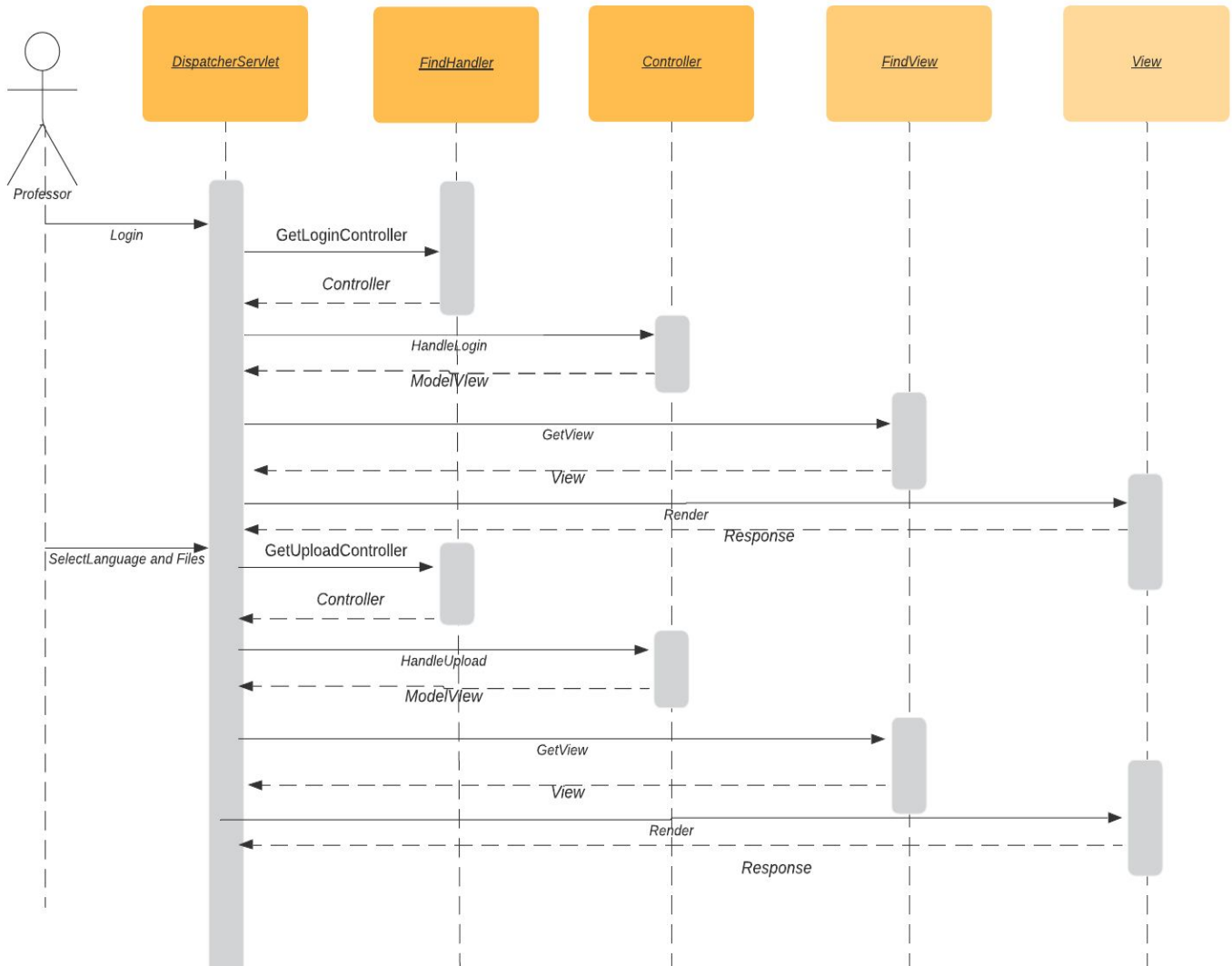


## Use Case Diagram

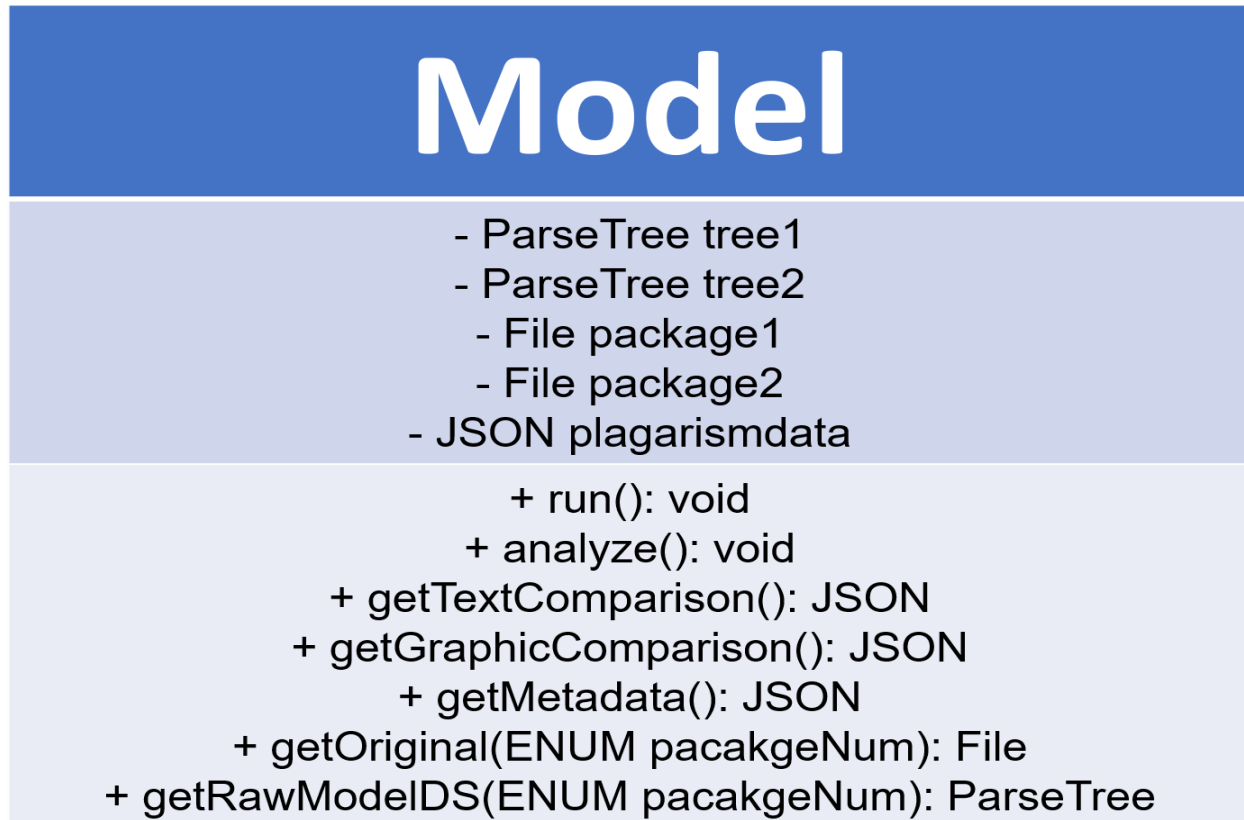




## Sequence Diagram



## Model Class Diagram



### Methods:

**run:** executes ANTRL on our 2 packages to get the 2 ASTs

**analyze:** runs our algorithm on the 2 ASTs to find potential plagiarism

**getTextComparison:** getter method for results

**getGraphicComparison:** getter method for results in a graphical form

**getMetadata:** getter method for the metadata generated from our algorithm

**getOriginal:** returns original code for 1 of the packages (depending on the parameter)

**getRawModelIDS:** returns AST for 1 of the packages (depending on parameter)

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## Java Interfaces for Components and Major Data Structures

There will be multiple interfaces used in this project.

**User** interface will present any user (student or professor) that will use our program. This also leaves us room to add other users, such as TAs.

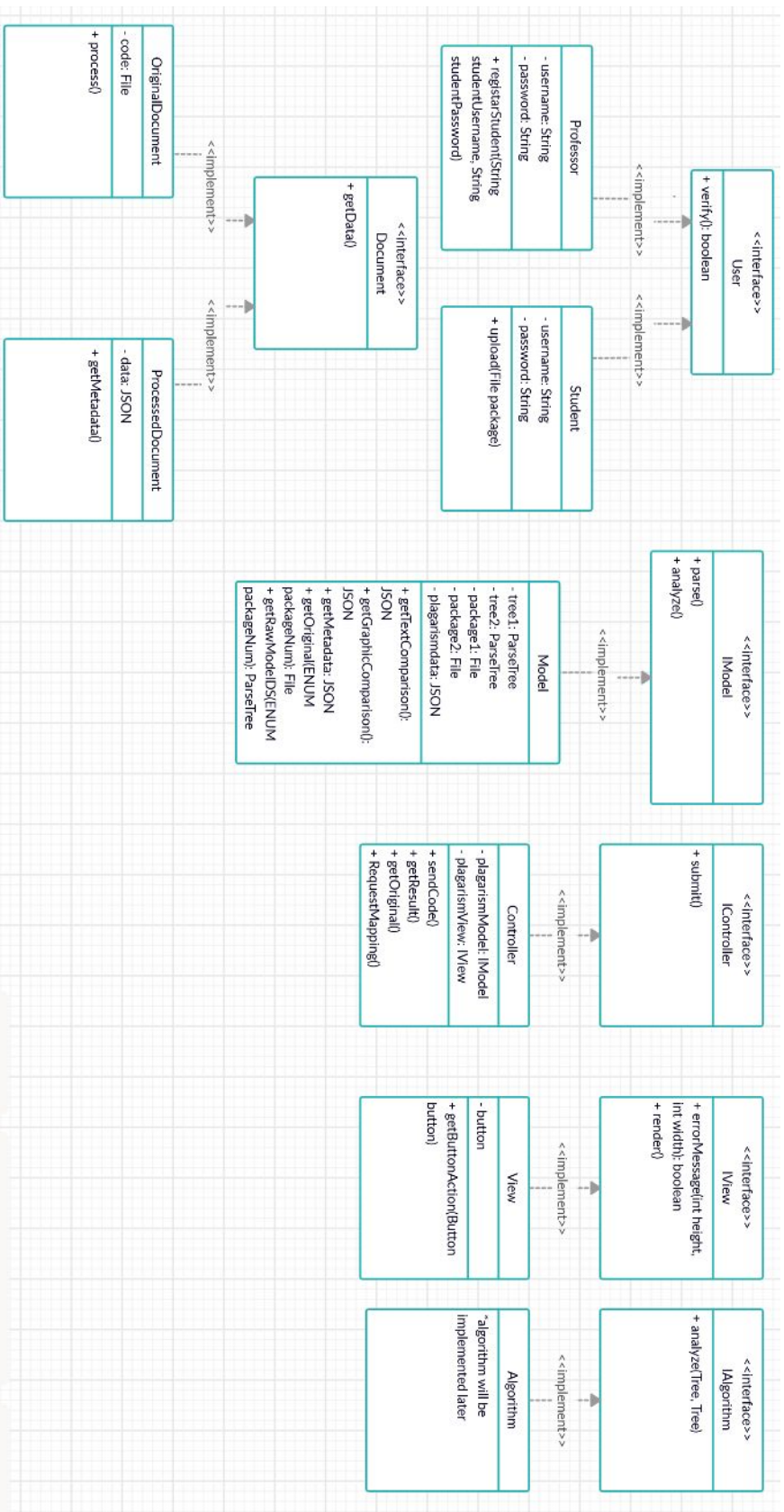
**IModel** is the interface that presents our Model. It will have 2 main operations: create the AST (using ANTLR) and analyzing the data for plagiarism.

**IController** will be the interface for our Controller. This will move data from the model to the view (and vice versa).

**IView** is the interface for our View. This will help design the web interface that will have actions such as upload and submit.

**IAlgorithm** is the interface for our algorithm. The main function of the algorithm is to analyze the two ASTs generated from ANTLR.

All of these interfaces allow us to be flexible to change each component without altering the other parts.



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