STATEMENT

Objective

Develop an application to detect plagiarism in student submissions of programming assignments by using various methods. The system should detect syntactic similarities and behavior-preserving transformations like splitting code into methods, renaming variables, etc. The application should detect similarities in programs written in **Java**.

<u>Plan</u>

| Week | Plan |
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| Week 1 Development Environment | Setup dev systems and establish process. Setup Jenkins. Setup basic web REST (Jersey) endpoint. Setup DB and storage system (MySQL). Database design and analysis. |
| Week 2 Backend Logic | Implement Backend logic engine with basic functionality: a. Changes in syntax b. AST Setup basic user authentication system. |
| Week 3 First increment Delivery Deliverables: Working product with AST and basic diff for 2 files. Working Web UI | UI development (AngularJS/JS/HTML/CSS) Integration |
| Week 4 Logic Enhancement | Functionality Enhancement Winnowing or n-grams ML Techniques |
| Week 5 Fine tuning | Finalize the logic and functionality Develop endpoints for new data |
| Week 6 Second (Final) Increment Delivery | UI enhancement with new features Final Integration |
| Week 7 Final Presentations | |

References: https://theory.stanford.edu/~aiken/publications/papers/sigmod03.pdf

USE CASES

| Case 1: Ability to view list of assignment submissions of all students | |
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| Use Case | The Grader should be able to view list of all assignment submissions |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | To view different submissions and analyses them for plagiarism |
| Preconditions | There must be one or more submissions for a given assignment from students |
| Trigger | NA |
| Scenario | The grader logs in to the system. System provides a list of assignments. |
| Exceptions | |
| Priority | High Priority |
| When available | First Increment |
| Channel to actor | A web interface where the grader can view the list of submissions |
| Secondary Actor | The students |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | The student submits his/her assignment or files using the student portal |
| Open Issues | |

| Case 2: Ability to select java files to analyze for plagiarism | |
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| Use Case | The Grader should be able to select one java file to analyze for plagiarism |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | To detect whether the student has done plagiarism in this file or not |
| Preconditions | The project should be preloaded into the system and it has files to be selected for |
| Trigger | Grader chooses the student to see all his submissions |
| Scenario | The grader logs in to the system. System provides a list of assignments. He chooses an assignment or project to grade from a list. System provides a list of all students who have submitted the assignment. Grader chooses the student from the list. Grader chooses the file to see the report. |
| Exceptions | Files might not load into the system. |
| Priority | Moderate priority, this is planned to be implemented in later increments |
| When available | Second Increment |
| Channel to actor | A web interface where the grader can view the file |
| Secondary Actor | The student whose assignment is being graded |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | The student submits his/her assignment or files using the student portal |
| Open Issues | Need to figure secondary alternatives in case the file does not load into the system |

| Case 3: View the overall plagiarism percentage of a student | |
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| Use Case | Grader views an overall percentage for plagiarism in the student report page |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | To detect whether the student has conducted plagiarism |
| Preconditions | Grader has to be logged in to the system. Grader chooses an assignment and a student from the list. Student has submitted his/her assignment. |
| Trigger | The grader clicks on an assignment and a student from the list |
| Scenario | The grader logs in to the system. System provides a list of assignments. He chooses an assignment or project to grade from a list. System provides a list of all students who have submitted the assignment. Grader chooses the student from the list. System provides a detailed student report with an overall percent and individual probability for different checks. The detailed student report page will present the grader with an average probability score from all models. |
| Exceptions | If the student does not follow standard conventions while uploading the file, unknown exceptions may arise |
| Priority | High priority, this is one of the first checks that needs to be implemented |
| When available | First Increment |
| Channel to actor | A web interface that provides a detailed student report |
| Secondary Actor | A student who the grader is grading. |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | The student submits his/her assignment or files using the student portal |
| Open Issues | Detecting similarity gets more difficult as students come up with new methods while plagiarism. |

| Case 4: View probability score from different plagiarism models | |
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| | Grader sees the probability scores from different model for plagiarism in |
| Use Case | the student report page |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | Find behavior-preserved code to detect whether the student has done plagiarism by copying parts of the assignment |
| Preconditions | Grader has to be logged in to the system. Grader chooses an assignment and a student from the list. Student has submitted his/her assignment. |
| Trigger | The grader clicks on an assignment and a student from the list |
| Scenario Exceptions | The grader logs in to the system. System provides a list of assignments. He chooses an assignment or project to grade from a list. System provides a list of all students who have submitted the assignment. Grader chooses the student from the list. System provides a detailed student report with an overall percent and individual probability for different checks. The detailed student report page will also present the probability score from multiple models like ASTs, winnowing, n-gram, etc. If the student does not follow standard conventions while uploading the file, unknown exceptions may arise |
| Priority | Moderate priority, this is planned to be implemented in later increments |
| When available | Second Increment |
| Channel to actor | A web interface that provides a detailed student report that displays scores from different models. |
| Secondary Actor | A student who the grader is grading |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | The student submits his/her assignment or files using the student portal |
| Open Issues | ASTs should be converted into a form that can be easily compared. Choosing the right value of n to perform n-grams is challenging. |

| Case 5: View the similar documents side-by-side | |
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| Use Case | Grader sees the similar documents side-by-side with the detected lines highlighted |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | To confirm whether a student has conducted plagiarism by looking at the similar lines |
| Preconditions | Grader must be logged in to the system. An assignment and student must be selected. |
| Trigger | Grader clicks on any of the similarity score in the student detail page |
| Scenario | The grader logs in to the system. System provides a list of assignments. He chooses an assignment or project to grade from a list. System provides a list of all students who have submitted the assignment. Grader chooses the student from the list. System provides a detailed student report with an overall percent and individual probability for different checks. The grader clicks on any of the scores provided in the page. System displays the similar lines detected by that particular model side-by-side. |
| Exceptions | If any model does not provide a detailed explanation |
| Priority | Moderate priority, this is planned to be implemented in the first increment |
| When available | First Increment |
| Channel to actor | A popup window that displays the line comparisons side-by-side |
| Secondary Actor | NA |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | NA |
| Open Issues | Highlighting lines from models like AST will be challenging |

| Case 6: Save the generated report about a submission to local | |
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| Use Case | Save the generated report about a submission |
| Primary Actor | Grader |
| Goal in Context | Allows the user to save a copy of the report generated for future use |
| Preconditions | Detailed analysis about an assignment submission(files/folders) has been generated by the system |
| Trigger | When the user clicks on "Save Report" button on the user interface |
| Scenario | The user views the report generated of a particular submission If the user plans to save the report, he clicks on the 'Save Report' button on the user interface On clicking the 'Save Report' button, the user is given options to select the format in which the report should be saved locally. On selecting the format desired by the user, the file is downloaded and the user can view the report locally. |
| Exceptions | The user might have to retry downloading the file, if the download does not begin. |
| Priority | Least priority. The report need not be saved locally. For future retrieval, the report can always be generated by uploading the submissions to the system again. |
| When available | Third Increment |
| Channel to actor | The web interface provides a button 'Save Report'. |
| Secondary Actor | NA |
| Channels to Secondary Actors | NA |
| Open Issues | Time it will take to download the complete report If the user does not select the format of the report |

| Case 7: Upload an assignment submission to the system | |
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| Use Case | Upload an assignment submission to the system |
| Primary Actor | Students |
| Goal in Context | To allow the students to input submissions, which can be a file or multiple files or folders containing files, to the system in order to detect similarities between submissions. |
| Preconditions | The student should be able to login to the system. |
| Trigger | After the user clicks on the 'upload' button on the user interface. |
| Scenario | The student logs into the system. Selects the files the student wants to upload and uploads them. |
| Exceptions | The student might upload a wrong file. The student might have to re-upload the submission files, if the uploading fails the first time. |
| Priority | Highest Priority |
| When available | First increment |
| Channel to actor | The web interface of the system that provides the 'upload' button. |
| Secondary Actor | NA |
| Channels to | |
| Secondary Actors | NA |
| | 1. Time taken to upload the submissions. |
| Open Issues | 2. If the submissions are zipped, then the files must be unzipped before running the algorithm over the project or assignment. |

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