

CIT 594 Project Documentation: CocktailPedia

Team Alcoholic

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Introduction

CocktailPedia is a Java-based cocktail recommender system. It uses cocktail datasets on the web as the data source to provide recipe lookup and recommendations for users. It also allows users to customize their own recipes, and export them in a text file format.

Project Features

The project provides the following features:

1. Recipe lookup

A user can request the recipe of a cocktail by the cocktail name. The recipe contains information such as drink name, category, glassware, ingredients, taste and preparation instructions.

2. Recommendation

If a user is new or does not have a specific preference, the user will be recommended one of the classic recipes by default.

If a user has a taste preference, the user will be recommended one of the cocktail recipes with the user's favorite taste.

After a recipe is recommended to a user, we increase the popularity point of the recipe, so that the most popular cocktails will be recommended first instead of randomly chosen.

Based on these basic building blocks of recommendations by a single feature, we will design a more complex recommendation algorithm based on multiple factors, such as both popularity and user preference.

3. Discount combo

This is also part of the recommendation feature, which is to recommend cocktail combos with the most discount to users. The user can choose two drinks from a list of cocktails that are currently on discount, and our recommender system will calculate the best discount of cocktail combo sets with these two drinks included, and return the cocktail combo.

4. Recipe customization

The user can select from a few customization options to get a customized recipe in a text file format. The options include ingredients, preparation style and taste.

The features mentioned above are achieved via interactions with the user in the console. After the program is manually run by a user, it will accept user input, execute corresponding functions, and print the recipes and helper information in the console based on different user options. Users can also locate the recipe files they created under the directory of their username.

Languages, Data Structures and Algorithms

This project is Java-based, but we will use very limited Python to assist us in cleaning the dataset. Our project involves the use of data structures such as graphs, trees, maps, arrays.

For example, we will use a hash table to store cocktail recipes imported from the dataset, and a sorted map to keep track of the popularity of cocktail recipes. We will also maintain a Trie tree to enhance in cocktail lookup, so that even if users make a typo or enter incomplete words, they can still get the correct result. To implement the discount combo feature, we will maintain a graph to store the drinks on discount as vertices, and discount ratio as weighted edges.

In terms of algorithms, we will run breadth-first search (BFS) when searching for matching recipes. We will recommend combos with the best discount to users by running shortest path algorithms, namely Dijkstra's Algorithm, to find the shortest sum paths.

Interface Design

Constants

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| CLASSIC |
| Constant: <code>List<String> CLASSIC = Arrays.asList ("old fashioned", "long island iced tea", "daiquiri", "martini", "whiskey sour");</code> |
| Description: A list of classic cocktails. |

Abstract Methods

loadDataset

Method:

```
public Map<String, Cocktail> loadDataset(String path);
```

Description:

Load the csv format cocktail dataset, and store the cocktail recipes using a map.

Parameter:

path: file path of the dataset.

Returns:

A map storing cocktails recipes, where the key is the name of the drink, the value is the recipe of the cocktail.

initializePopularity

Method:

```
public Map<String, Integer> initializePopularity();
```

Description:

Use the number of queries of the drink to represent popularity. Initialize the popularity map of all drinks with 0s.

Parameter:

None.

Returns:

A sorted map storing cocktail popularity, where the key is the name of the drink, the value is the number of queries of the drink (0 at first).

buildIndexByPreference

Method:

```
public Map<String, List<Cocktail>> buildIndexByPreference();
```

Description:

Group cocktail drinks by taste preference, and store into a new preference map.

Parameter:

None.

Returns:

A map storing different categories of cocktail tastes, where the key is the taste, the value is the list of cocktails of that taste.

queryByDrink

Method:

```
public List<String> queryByDrink(String drink);
```

Description:

Return the recipe of the drink name the user queries for, and update the query count of this drink in the popularity map.

Parameter:

drink: the name of the drink.

Returns:

A list of the drink names.

recommendByClassic

Method:

```
public List<String> recommendByClassic();
```

Description:

Recommend classic cocktails to users, and return the name of the recommended drink.

Parameter:

None.

Returns:

A list of the drink names.

recommendByPopularity

Method:

```
public List<String> recommendByPopularity();
```

Description:

Recommend cocktails with top query counts in the popularity map to users, and return the name of the recommended drink.

Parameter:

None.

Returns:

A list of the drink names.

recommendByPreference

Method:

```
public List<String> recommendByPreference(String taste);
```

Description:

Recommend cocktails with the users' preferred taste in the preference map to users, and return the name of the recommended drink.

Parameter:

taste: the users' preferred taste.

Returns:

A list of the drink names.

recommendByDijkstra

Method:

```
public List<Integer> recommendByDijkstra(int source, int target);
```

Description:

Recommend cocktails by using Dijkstra based on constructed graph, and return a list of vertices which represent the shortest path.

Parameter:

source: the source drink.

target: the target drink.

Returns:

A list of vertices which represent the shortest path, first node is source and last is target.

priceOfDijkstra

Method:

```
public Double priceOfDijkstra(int source, int target);
```

Description:

Recommend cocktails by running Dijkstra, and return the price of all drinks recommended after applying the discounts.

Parameter:

source: the source drink.

target: the target drink.

Returns:

The price of all drinks recommended after applying the discounts.

recommend

Method:

```
public List<String> recommend(String taste, int option);
```

Description:

Return the recommended cocktail recipe to users based on users' options:

- Option 1: Recommend by classic
- Option 2: Recommend by popularity
- Option 3: Recommend by preference
- Option 4: Recommend by preference and popularity

Parameter:

taste: the users' preferred taste.

option: the recommendation option the user chooses.

Returns:

A list of the drink names.

customizeRecipe**Method:**

```
public boolean customizeRecipe(String username,  
                               String drink,  
                               List<String> ingredients,  
                               String style,  
                               String path);
```

Description:

Allow a user to create a customized cocktail recipe. The user can choose from a list of options we provide, including type of the liquor/spirit, taste, preparation style. Then we assemble the recipe based on the choices made by the user, generate a txt file under the directory named by the username, and store it into a user map.

Parameter:

username: name of the user.

drink: name of drink entered by user.

ingredients: ingredients of drink entered by user.

style: style of drink entered by user.

path: file path of storing the recipe.

Returns:

A boolean value indicating whether the recipe has been successfully saved.

Project Management

Milestones

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| M1 | Project scope, feature and interface design | 4/17 - 5/4 |
| M2 | Feature implementation and testing | 5/4 - 5/8 |
| M3 | Project demo | 5/9 |

Story Points

| Feature | Story Point | Assignee |
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| Interface design & documentation | 4 | Ruichen |
| Data cleaning | 2 | Ruichen |
| Cocktail and Recipe class | 1 | Ruichen |
| Load dataset and support user queries | 2 | Yuxin |
| Build popularity map | 1 | Yuxin |
| Build index preference | 1 | Yuxin |
| Recommend by a single feature | 3 | Rui |
| Recommend by multiple features | 2 | Rui |
| Customize recipe | 2 | Wenrui |
| Recommender main class | 4 | Wenrui |
| Discount combo | 6 | All |
| Testing | 4 | All |

References

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