Your Books Everywhere!

Analysis and Design Document

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1. Requirements Analysis

# Assignment Specification

It is commonly known that reading has a positive impact on one’s intellectual

development, by enriching both knowledge in certain domains and vocabulary.

The task for this assignment is to build a book management service. It will serve as remote library, so the user can borrow/buy different books from the comfort of his own home, without needing to go to a library that maybe is far apart.

# Functional Requirements

In this section, the functional requirements of the application will be discussed. They are as follows:

* **Account creation 🡪** The app must offer a user the possibility to create an account by completing a form with his/her personal details.
* **Payment plan choosing 🡪** A user can choose between the following payment plans: *weekly*(he/she can pay at the beginning of every week for being able to search and eventually borrow/buy different books), *monthly* or *yearly*.
* **Staff management 🡪** The library will be managed by staff, whose main tasks are to validate payments, borrowing and returns made by the library’s users.
* **Library filtering 🡪** The books belonging to the library can be filtered by release date, author, title and genre.
* **Borrow service 🡪** If a certain book is available, the user can borrow it. Otherwise he/she will have to wait. It is important to mention that for each book there will be a waiting queue. So, if the desired book is not available the user will join the waiting queue.
* **Return service 🡪** Once a user has finished reading the book, he/she will return it. Following this, the book will be assigned to the next user in the waiting queue.
* **Recommendation service 🡪** The app will recommend different books to a user based on previous borrowed books or on specified genre and topic.

# Non-functional Requirements

This library management app has to be:

* **secure** (a potential attacker must not have access to the database or other sensitive information such as other users’ passwords)
* **portable** (it should be available to be used on different types of devices)
* **easily maintainable** (the effort that will be made for different upgrades/bug fixes must remain at a reasonable low level)

2. Use-Case Model

*[Create the use-case diagrams and provide one use-case description (according to the format below).*

*Use-Case description format:*

*Use case: <use case goal>*

*Level: <one of: summary level, user-goal level, sub-function>*

*Primary actor: <a role name for the actor who initiates the use case>*

*Main success scenario: <the steps of the main success scenario from trigger to goal delivery>*

*Extensions: <alternate scenarios of success or failure>*

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This section will show the use case diagrams corresponding to the application and describe one use case in a more detailed manner.

3. System Architectural Design

**3.1 Architectural Pattern Description**

The required architecture for this assignment was a **layered architecture**. Thus, the app has three layers which will be briefly described next:

* **presentation layer** 🡪 this layer is responsible for graphical user interfaces and displaying data under a specific format; also, it sends data to the business logic layer for further processing and manipulation
* **business logic layer** 🡪 this layer is responsible for manipulating interaction between different types of objects corresponding to the application; another important role this layer has is to coordinate data flow between the presentation layer and the data access layer
* **persistence (data access) layer** 🡪 this layer separates the database engine used from the business logic, providing a few advantages such as: encapsulation of database logic in a single layer and easier migration to other storage engines
* **database layer** 🡪 provides data storage and isolates data from the other layers

Following, there is presented a diagram which illustrates the layered architecture pattern:



Each layer is closed, meaning that data flows through all the layers, without skipping any of them. Also a layer should only know about the layer underneath it, without being aware of higher layers.

**3.2 Diagrams**

*[Create the system’s conceptual architecture; use architectural patterns and describe how they are applied. Create package, component and deployment diagrams]*

4. UML Sequence Diagrams

*[Create a sequence diagram for a relevant scenario.]*

5. Class Design

**5.1 Design Patterns Description**

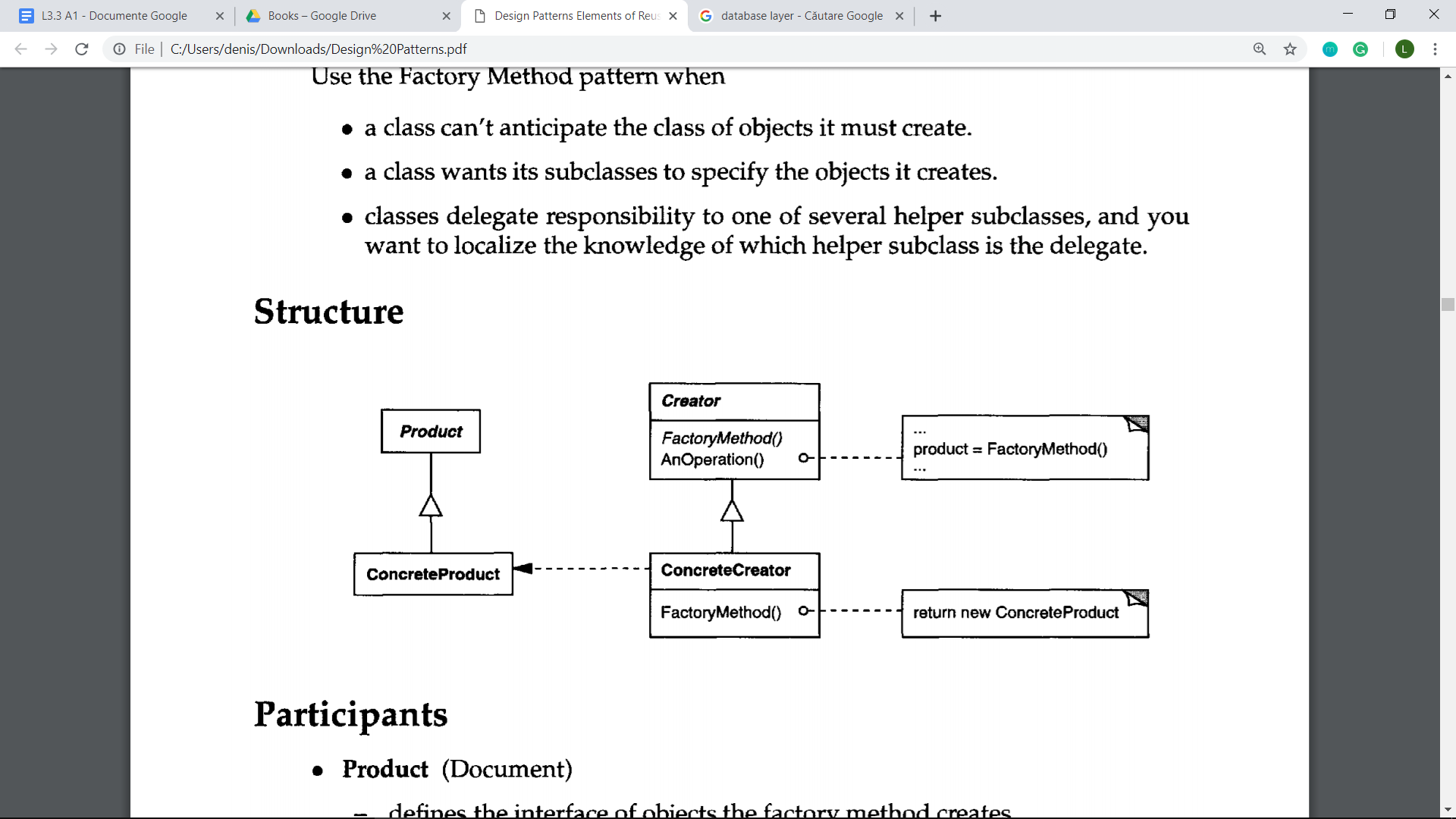
The design pattern used in the context of this assignment is the **Factory Method** creational pattern. The intent of this specific pattern is to define an interface for object creation, but by letting subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Another known name for this pattern is Virtual Constructor.

Applying this pattern is suitable in the following situations: when a class does not know the type of objects it needs to instantiate, when a class wants its subclasses to specify objects’ type or when a class delegates responsibility to one or more helper subclasses.

The major participants occurring when using this design pattern are:

* **product** 🡪 it defines the interface for the objects that will be created by the factory method
* **concrete\_product** 🡪 this is the implementation of the product interface
* **creator** 🡪 declares the factory method which returns an instance of product
* **concrete\_creator** 🡪 overrides the factory method, so it returns an instance of a concrete product

The general structure of this pattern is illustrated in the following diagram:



**5.2 UML Class Diagram**

*[Create the UML Class Diagram and highlight and motivate how the design patterns are used.]*

6. Data Model

*[Present the data models used in the system’s implementation.]*

7. System Testing

*[Present the used testing strategies (unit testing, integration testing, validation testing) and testing methods (data-flow, partitioning, boundary analysis, etc.).]*

8. Bibliography

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