SupplyAlytics Application

User Documentation

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SupplyAlytics is a small tool to compare suppliers based on their delivery behavior. It provides two graphs for illustrating the reliability of the company's suppliers, each with a slightly different focus concerning the displayed data. It also comes with a user management system that allows multiple users to use the application.

1. Registration and Login

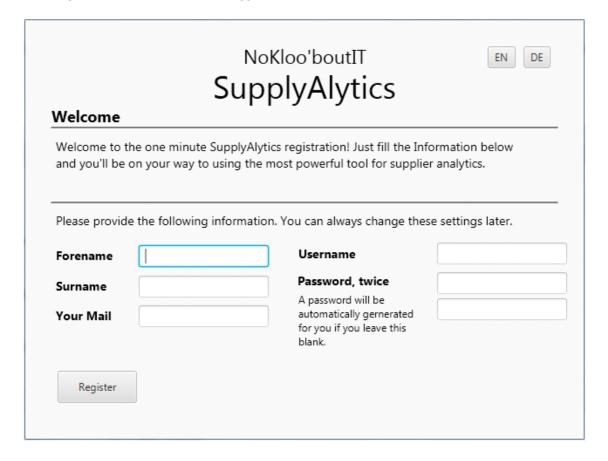
If you start the program first time, the registration screen will be shown. You have to register a admin user. Therefore some fields must be filled:

Forename: The forname of the adminSurename: The surename of the admin

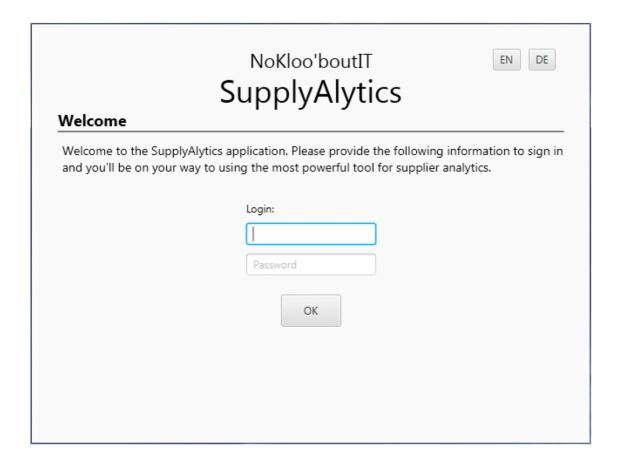
• Your Mail: A valid mail address

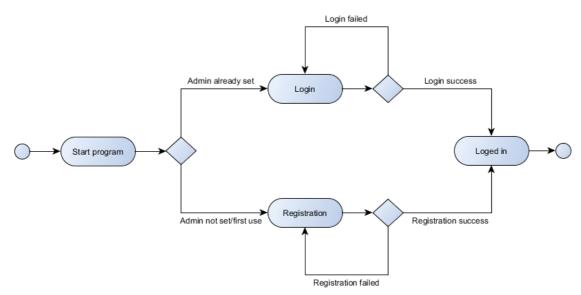
Username: The username that will be used for login
 Password: The password that will be used for login

After the registration the admin user is logged in.



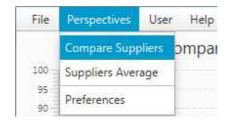
If you start the program not for the first time, the login screen will be shown. You are able to login as a registered user. How additionally users can be added will be explained at a later point.





2. Compare Suppliers

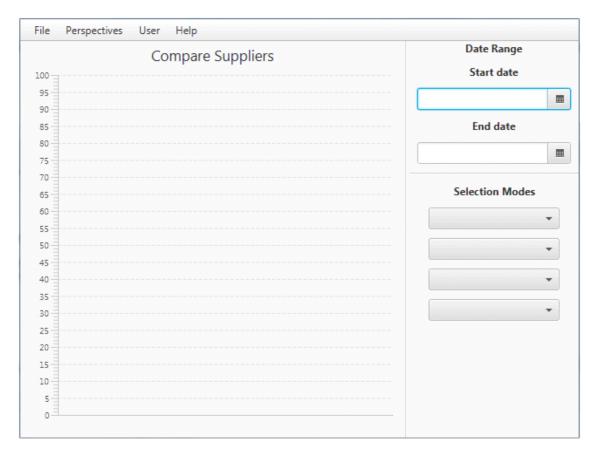
The program is able to compare suppliers based on their scores. This functionality is placed in the menu 'Perspectives' under the item 'Compare Suppliers'.

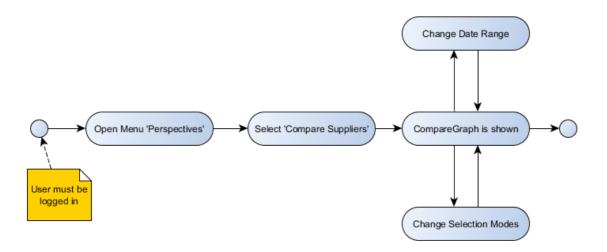


In this graph, the reliability of a supplier based on their deliveries will be divided into five categories:

much too early: x < -5
 too early: -5 <= x < -1
 on time: -1 <= x = 0
 too late: 0 < x <= 5
 much too late: x > 5

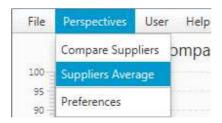
Which suppliers will be compared can be choosen in four Comboboxes in the 'Selection Mode'-area. Additionally the deliveries can be filtered based on a date range. The date range could be choosen with two date picker for start and end date. In default both date picker are empty what means that no date range is selected and nothing is filtered out.





3. Suppliers Average

The program is able to list suppliers based on their scores. This functionality is placed in the menu 'Perspectives' under the item 'Suppliers Average'.



In this graph, the reliability of a suppliers is shown based on their supplier score which is calculated from the following grading system: (The numbers in the intervals represent the days that the delivery date differs from the promised date)

[-1;0] --> 100% [+1;+3] --> 90% [+4;+7] --> 80% [+8;+14]--> 60% [+15;+28] --> 40% [+28;+inf.] --> 0% [-2;-2] --> 90% [-3;-3] --> 80% [-7;-4] --> 60% [-10;-8] --> 40% [-inf.;-11] --> 100%

Examples:

[+1;+3] means: The supplier delivers 1 day up to 3 days too late. So he gets the score of 90% for this delivery.

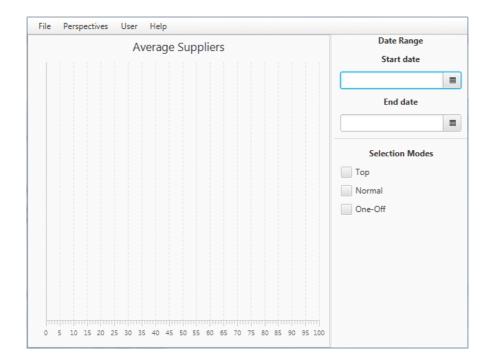
[+28;+inf.] means: The supplier delivers 28 days or more too late. So he gets the score of 0% for this delivery.

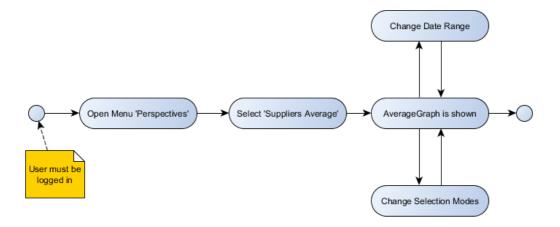
This scores could be changed. How to do this is explained on chapter 4 ,Change score thresholds'.

The suppliers are divided into three classifications:

Top: > 20 orders
 Normal: 2 < x < 20 orders
 One-Off: 1 or 2 orders

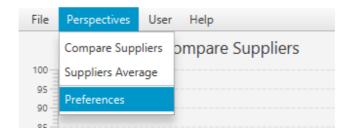
Which suppliers the graph will show, can be choosen with the checkboxes in the 'Selection Modes'-area. Additionally the deliveries can be filtered based on a date range. The date range could be choosen with two date picker for start and end date. In default both date picker are empty what means that no date range is selected and nothing is filtered out.





4. Change score thresholds

The admin user is enabled to change score thresholds. This functionality is placed in the menu 'Perspectives' under the item 'Preferences. Only an admin user can call this page.



EarlyMin

Minimum number of days (included) a delivery was delivered too early to get this specified score value.

EarlyMax

Maximum number of days (included) a delivery was delivered too early to get this specified score value.

LateMin

Minimum number of days (included) a delivery was delivered too late to get this specified score value.

LateMax

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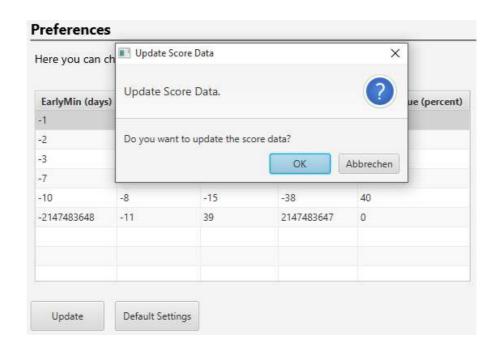
Score value

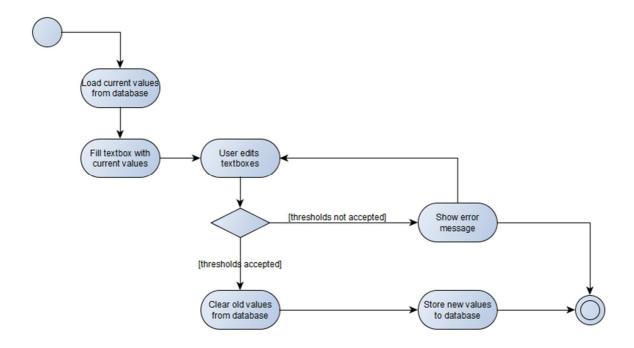
Value in percent a delivery is scored when it was delivered in one of these two time delay ranges.

EarlyMin (days)	EarlyMax (days)	LateMin (days)	LateMax (days)	Score Value (percent)
-1	-1	0	0	100
-2	-2	1	3	90
-3	-3	4	7	80
-7	-4	8	14	60
-10	-8	-15	-38	40
-2147483648	-11	39	2147483647	0

How to change values:

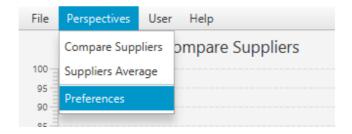
- 1. Double-click on a value
- 2. Enter new value
- 3. Click button "Update" and confirm





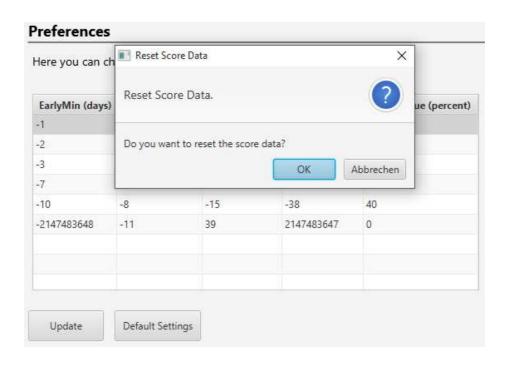
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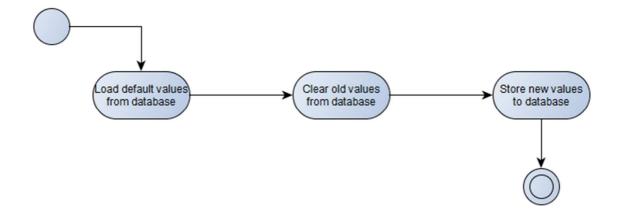


Default thresholds:

EarlyMin	EarlyMax	LateMin	LateMax	Score Value
-1	-1	0	0	100
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Click button "Default settings" and confirm



- 1. Load separately saved default threshold values from SQLite Database.
- 2. The old saved threshold values are removed from the SQLite database.
- 3. The default data are stored to the database.

6. General Application Navigation

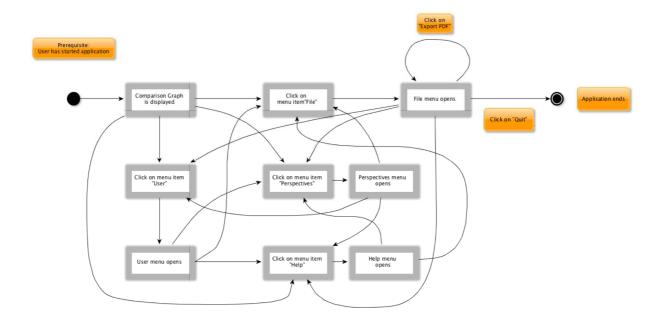
The application's navigation bar is kept neat and simple. Under the menu item "File" are general functions to be found such as "Logout" and "PDF Export" (a future feature that is not implemented in the beta product).

After clicking on the menu item "Perspectives" you are able to select the two graph views to visualize and analyze suppliers' delivery behavior. "Perspectives" --> "Preferences" allows you to set the threshold values for regarding a delivery as "very early", "early", "late" and so on.

"User" provides you with additional features to manage, delete and add users (if you are the admin user) or at least manage your own data. You can also log out of the application.

"Help" is (as of current beta testing state) void of functionality. In the end product it will at least display further information on the developer team.

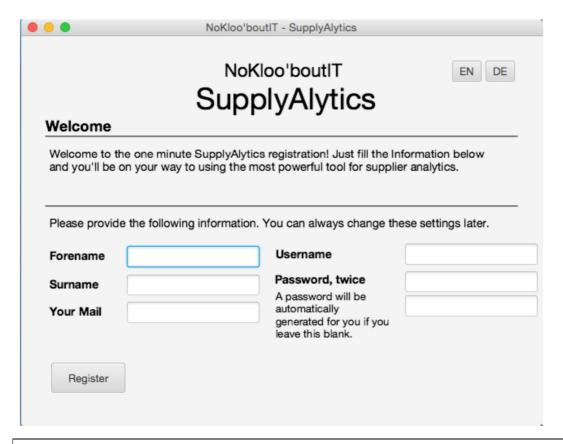
Here is a general chart of the application menu.



7. User Management Features

SupplyAlytics has implemented several features to enable creation and management of the application's users. The available functionality differs from admin user to normal user.

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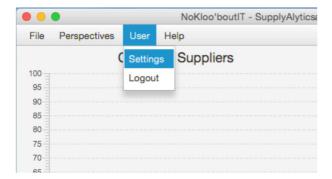
Important notes:

As soon as an admin user is registered, there is no possibility for additional users to register themselves – the creation of a new user is a feature provided only for admin users to limit the access to the production data.

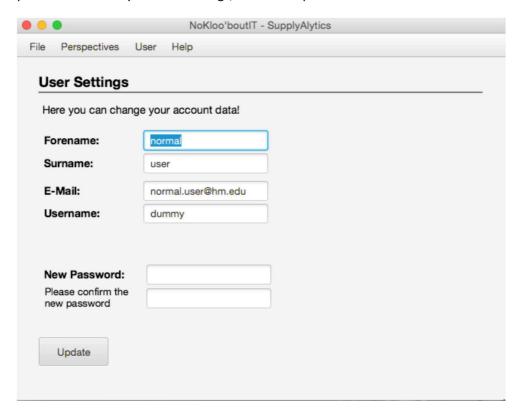
Please take note that during the beta stage of our application, it is only possible for further users to log into the application on the admin's machine.

8. Change Own Userdata

It is always possible to change your own user data, even if you are not the admin user. If you wish to do so, click on the menu bar item "User" and choose "Settings":



Your user information includes your forename, surname, email address, the chosen username and your password. To save your new settings, click the "Update" button at the bottom.



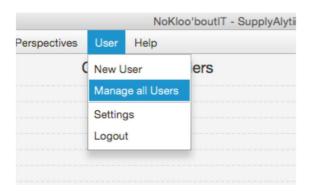
The following activity chart illustrates the single steps to change your own user data in more detail:

Prerequisite: User has clicked on menu item "User" Display User Menu Click on "Settings" Display user data in a form Edit data Click Update Button New data is invalid Show errors for invalid data New data is valid Show confirmation prompt Click on "Cancel" Click on "OK" Update user with provided data

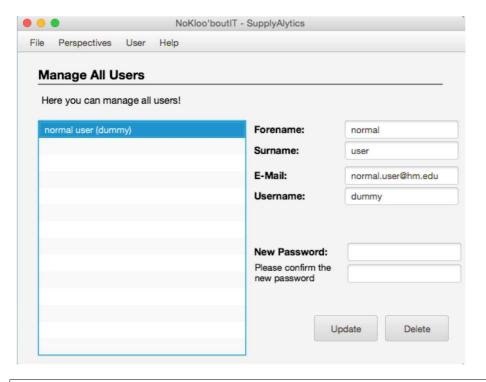
9. Admin Feature: Change Data of Other Users

As the admin user you are privileged to manage other users' data (and change their passwords once they forgot it). With great powers comes great responsibility, though.

The functionality is accessible via menu item "User" --> "Manage all Users":



Here you can select the user whose data you want to change. Make sure you click the "Update" button after changing data.

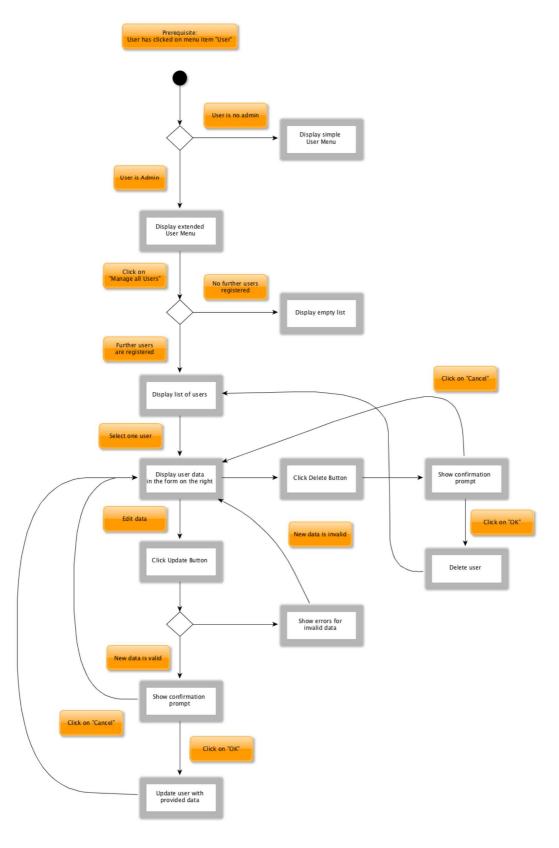


Important note:

It is also possible to delete a user via "Delete" button.

Be cautious with that one. You will get a prompt asking if you really want to delete the respective user if you happen to click on this button accidentally.

To better understand the multiple steps that lead up to a change of user data, have a look at the following activity diagram:



10. Admin Feature: Create New User

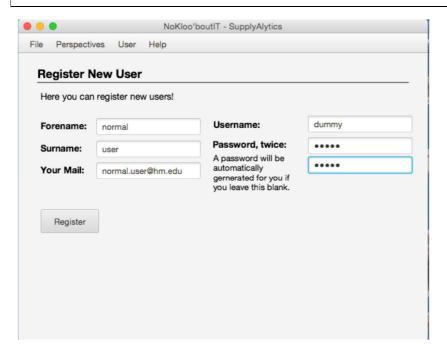
Another admin's responsibility is the creation of additional users that wish to use the SupplyAlytics application.

As mentioned earlier, it is not possible for new users to register themselves, so in case you have reasons to use the app, but do not have an account yet, contact your system administratior concerning the creation of an account.

This feature is accessible via menu item "Users" --> "New User". You are then provided with a form were you can enter the new user's data. Upon clicking the "Register" Button you create the new user.

Important Note:

As mentioned above, during beta testing phase it is only possible for new users to use the app on the admin's machine.



This chart illustrates the general activity flow during the creation of a new user:

Display simple User is Admin Display simple User Menu Display form for entering data to create new user Click "Submit" button Input is invalid

Generate password

Create new user

Input is valid

password provided

No password provided