SE 211 Software Specification and Design II

Address Book Example

About The Example

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- http://www.cs.gordon.edu/courses/cs211/Addres sBookExample/

Requirements

 Create a program that can be used to maintain an address book (that is, a collection of entries, each containing a person's first name, last name, address, city, state, zip, and phone number).

Features:

- Add a new person to an address book.
- Edit existing information about a person (except the person's name).
- Delete a person.
- Sort the entries in the address book by last name (with ties broken by first name), or by ZIP code (with ties broken by name).
- Print out all the entries in the address book in "mailing label" format.

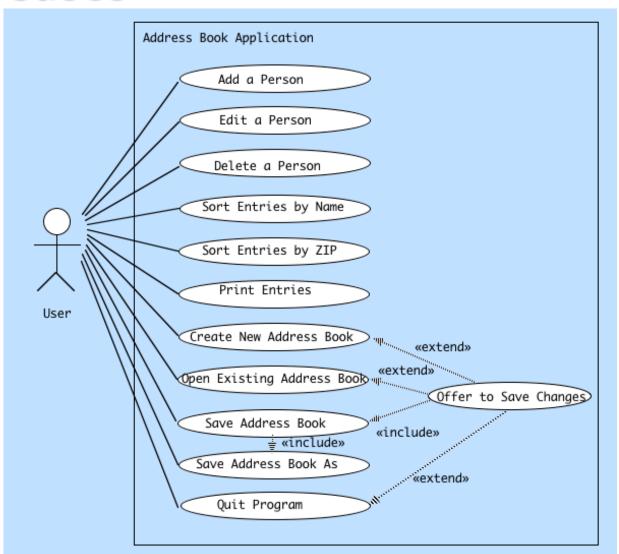
Requirements (cont'd)

- The GUI must contain the following File menu options:
 - Create a new address book
 - Open a file containing an existing address book
 - Close an address book
 - Save an address book
 - Save As... an address book
 - Quit to close open address books and terminate the program.
- Initially, the program should be able to work with a single address book at a time. As a result, if the user chooses the New or Open menu option, any current address book will be closed before creating/opening a new one.

Requirements (cont'd)

- The program will keep track of whether any changes have been made to an address book since it was last saved, and will offer the user the opportunity to save changes when an address book is closed either explicitly or as a result of choosing to create/open another or to quit the program.
- The program will keep track of the file that the current address book was read from, or most recently saved to. It will display the file's name as the title of the main window, and will use that file when executing the Save option.
- When a New address book is initially created, its window will be titled "Untitled", and a Save operation will be converted to Save As ... (that is, the user will be required to specify a file).

Use Cases



Use Case: Add a Person

- The Add a Person use case is initiated when the user clicks the "Add" button in the main window.
- A dialog box appears, with title "New Person", containing fields for the user to fill in the new person's first and last names and other information.
- The box can be dismissed by clicking either "OK" or "Cancel".
- If the "OK" button is clicked, a new person is added to the end of the address book, and the person's name is added to the end of the list of names in the main window.
- If the "Cancel" button is clicked, no changes are made either to the address book or to the main window.

Use Case: Edit a Person

- The Edit a Person use case is initiated when the user either highlights a name in the list of names in the main window and then clicks the "Edit" button, or the user double-clicks a name.
- In either case, a dialog box, with title "Edit person's name", appears containing current information about the person selected, (except the person's name, which appears only in the title).
- The user can then edit the individual fields.
- The box can be dismissed by clicking either "OK" or "Cancel".
- If the "OK" button is clicked, the entry in the address book for the selected person is updated to reflect any changes made by the user.
- If the "Cancel" button is clicked, no changes are made to the address book.

Use Case: Create New Address Book

- The Create a New Address Book use case is initiated when the user chooses "New" from the File menu.
- If the current address book contents have been changed since the last successful New, Open, Save, or Save As ... operation was done, the Offer to Save Changes extension is executed.
- Unless the user cancels the operation, a new empty address book is then created and replaces the current address book. This results in the list of names in the main window being cleared, the current file becoming undefined, and the title of the main window becomes "Untitled". (NOTE: These conditions will also be in effect when the program initially starts up.)

Use Case: Open Existing Address Book

- The Open Existing Address Book use case is initiated when the user chooses "Open" from the File menu.
- If the current address book contents have been changed since the last successful New, Open, Save, or Save As ... operation was done, the Offer to Save Changes extension is executed.
- Unless the user cancels the operation, a load file dialog is displayed and the user is allowed to choose a file to open.

Use Case: Open Existing Address Book (cont'd)

- Once the user chooses a file, the current address book is replaced by the result of reading in the specified address book. As a result:
 - The file that was opened will become the current file.
 - The names in the address book that was read will replace the list of names in the main window.
 - The name of the file will be displayed as the title of the main window.
- If the user cancels the file dialog, or attempting to read the file results in an error, the current address book is left unchanged. If the cancellation results from an error reading the file, a dialog box is displayed warning the user of the error.

Use Case: Offer to Save Changes Extension

- The Offer to Save Changes extension is initiated from within the Create New Address Book, Open Existing Address Book, or Quit Program use cases, if the current address book has been changed since the last successful New, Open, Save, or Save As ... operation was done.
- A dialog box is displayed, informing the user that there are unsaved changes, and asking the user whether to save changes, not save changes, or cancel the operation.
- If the user chooses to save changes, the Save Address Book use case is executed (which may result in executing the Save Address Book As ... use case if there is no current file).
- If the user chooses not to save changes, the original operation is simply resumed.
- If the user chooses to cancel (or cancels the save file dialog if one is needed), the original operation is canceled.