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Room Booking Manager

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1 Introduction

The project aims to utilize the knowledge covered in COMP2432 Operating Systems and put them into practice to get a further understanding and improvement. This work is based on the scenario of implementing of a room booking manager for a frictional company, PolySME Bussiness center. By making advantage of various abstracted skills covered in the lecture , i.e. scheduling algorithms, multi-process programming, and interprocess communication a simple scheduler core and related utilities is developed.

2 Scope

2.1 Multi-Process Programming and Inter-process Communication

Scheduling module is implemented as a child process created via `fork()`. The communication between parent and scheduling module is based on `pipe()`, `write()`, and `read()`. In addition, in order to deliver complex information, we use pointers and pipes together.

2.2 CPU Scheduling

In this project, we are required to implement FCFS and prio algorithm for component booking, which is similar to what we learned in lectures about CPU Scheduling. However, there are some difference between algorithms in CPU scheduling and booking scheduling. In booking scheduling, we only care about the order of coming request and don't mind exact arrival time. In CPU scheduling, processes can be finished while in booking scheduling, requests can't be finished during the scheduling. Thus, the method to implement booking scheduling algorithms is similar to but still differs from CPU scheduling.

2.3 Memory Allocation

Thinking of rooms as fixed partitions and requests as jobs, the process of allocating rooms for requests has the same logic as Multi-programming with a Fixed number of Tasks, where we have fixed amount of resources which is divided into certain numbers of partitions, and our task is to allocate different amounts of resources for objects in need of resources.

2.4 Synchronization

Program-Monitored Synchronization is used for development.

3 Concept

3.1 FCFS Scheduling

First-Come-First-Serve(aka, FCFS) handles requests upon a first-come-first-serve basis. Later requests that cause collision are rejected, otherwise are accepted.

In its implementation, no sorting is needed because the order of the request link-list during scheduling is exactly the same as that of input, given that the invalid ones have been filtered out. The only thing to note is that to maintain the order of requests, Input-Handler Module must be single-threaded.

Below is a illustration of FCFS algorithm. Green-colored requests are accepted, whereas red-colored requests are rejected, and the requests arrive in sequence indicated by arrows between.

FCFS Scheduling Sample

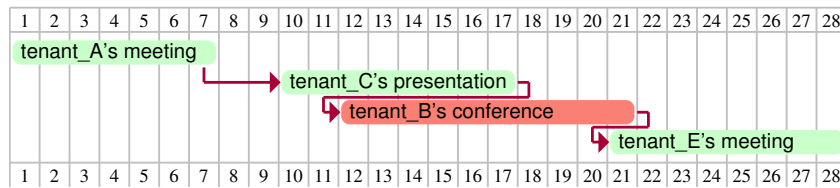


Figure 1: Gantt Diagram for FCFS algorithm Sample output for one single Room

3.2 PRIO Scheduling

Priority scheduling(aka, PRIO) is the scheduling algorithm based on the priority of requests. Rather than that in FCFS which indicated by arriving time, the priority are implied within the requests weighted by its type (i.e. device-booking, meeting, presentation, or conference).

To implement PRIO, the tasks required is to stably sort the request link-list upon user-defined priority, then call FCFS scheduling. This would reuse the code and decrease the overall complexity of the program. Requests are stored in an array after sortion based on priority.

Below is the visualization of PRIO scheduling, with the same annotation rules as used in FCFS.

PRIO Scheduling Sample

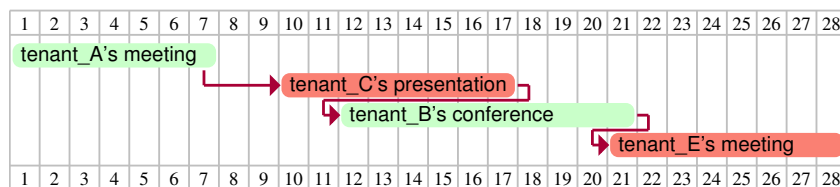


Figure 2: Gantt Diagram for PRIO algorithm Sample output for one single Room

4 Algorithm

4.1 Design of own algorithm

Optimization Algorithm

Optimization algorithm is based on processed result by FCFS algorithm or PRIO algorithm. Failed requests from the two algorithm firstly undergo verification. Valid requests are rescheduled based on bi-directional search of linked lists of rooms and devices.

5 Program Structure

5.1 Class Design

Room Booking Manager Class Diagram

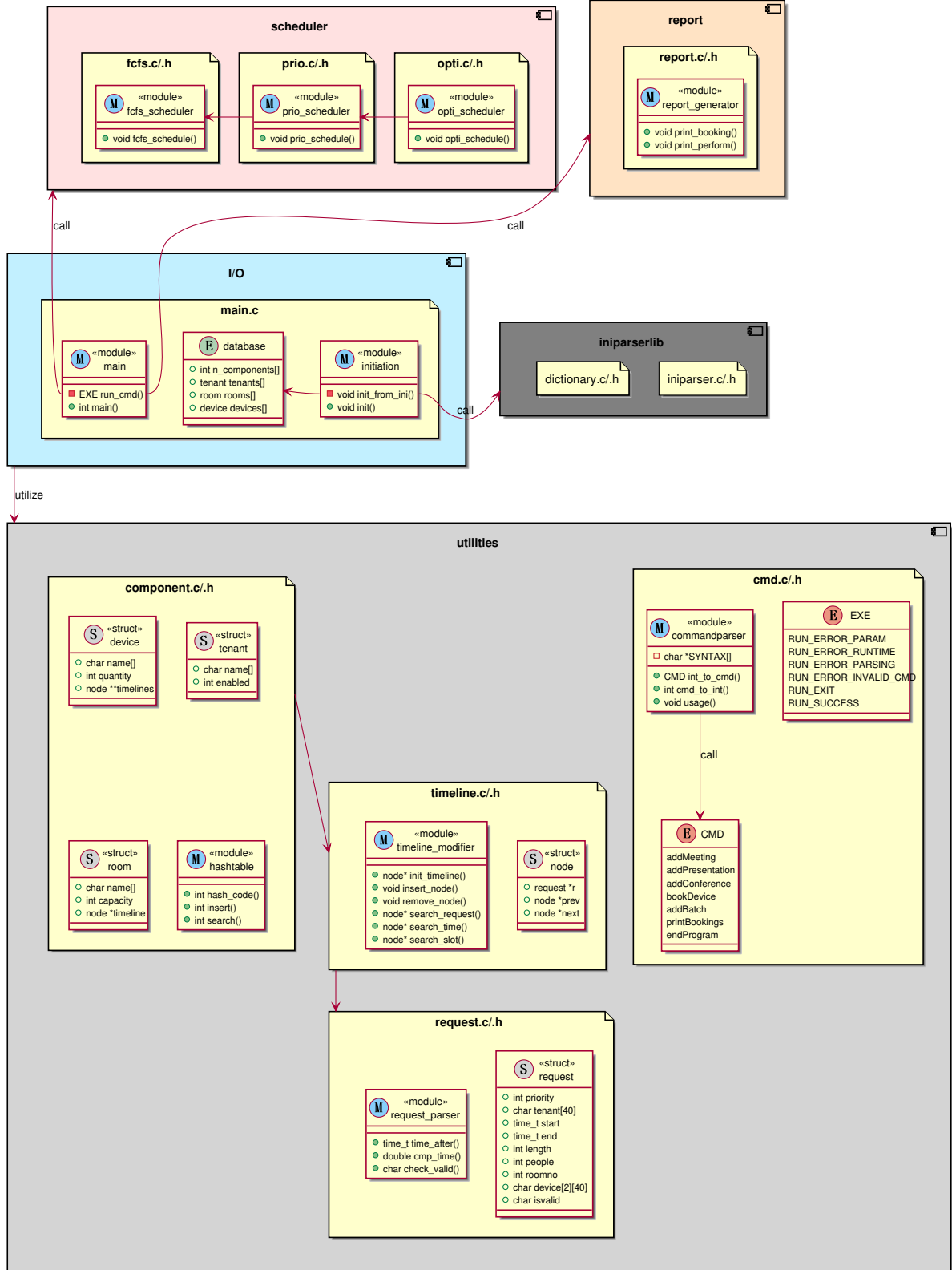


Figure 3: Overall class design diagram of Room Booking Manager

5.2 Sequence Design

Room Booking Manager Sequence Diagram

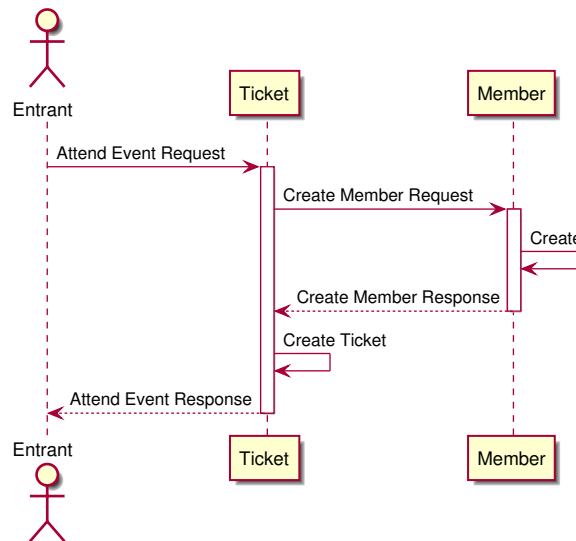


Figure 4: Overall sequence design diagram of Room Booking Manager

5.3 Activity Design

Room Booking Manager Activity Diagram

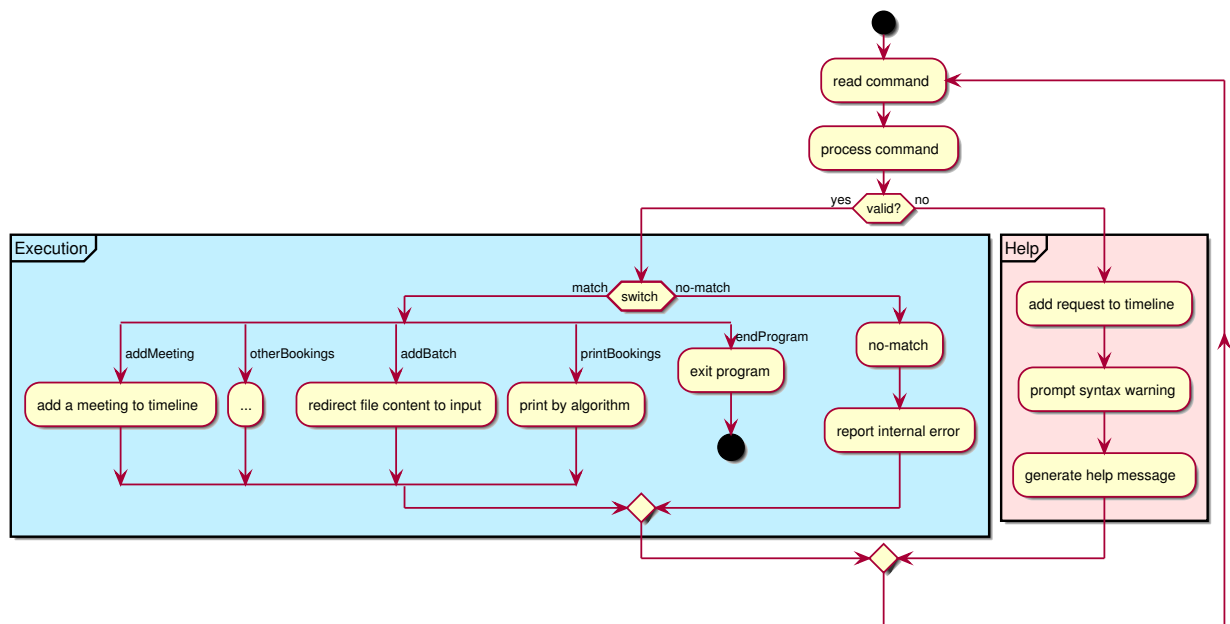


Figure 5: Overall activity design diagram of Room Booking Manager

6 Testing Cases

This is the brief version, which demonstrates the valid and invalid tests for `addMeeting` instruction only.

Tests for other instructions are similar and therefore not included. Syntax of other instructions varies in number of the parameters. Help message on syntax is available once an input error is detected.

Refer to the appendix for the full version.

6.1 Valid Tests

Valid syntax for `addMeeting` instruction should be:

```
addMeeting -tenant YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm n.n [d1 d2];
```

Below are some samples which conforms the above syntax:

```
addMeeting -tenant_A 2021-05-10 21:50 1.50 5 projector_2K screen_100;
addMeeting -tenant_A 2021-05-11 18:20 0.30 5;
addMeeting -tenant_A 2021-05-11 4:10 0.0 5;
```

6.2 Invalid Tests

Invalid instructions of `addMeeting` contains either:

- Syntax invalid: (including command invalid, tenant invalid, date invalid, hour and minute invalid, duration invalid, number of people invalid, device invalid); or

```
command_invalid and parameters does not matter;
addMeeting -tenant_invalid 2021-05-10 1:30 0.50 5 projector_2K screen_100;
addMeeting -tenant_A date-in-valid 1:30 0.50 5 projector_2K screen_100;
addMeeting -tenant_B 2021-05-10 hhmm:invalid 1.50 5 webcam_FHD monitor_75;
addMeeting -tenant_C 2021-05-10 18:30 duration.invalid 5 webcam_FHD monitor_50;
addMeeting -tenant_D 2021-05-10 10:40 0.0 peopleinvalid projector_2K screen_150;
addMeeting -tenant_D 2021-05-16 3:10 1.10 5 device_invalid monitor_50;
```

- Device pairing error (devices must be in pairs).

```
addMeeting -tenant_E 2021-05-10 22:20 0.50 5 projector_4K monitor_50;
addMeeting -tenant_E 2021-05-10 22:20 0.50 5 projector_4K;
```

7 Performance analysis

8 Program Setup & Analysis

8.1 Program Setup

Step 0 Clone repo (optional)

Clone the repo from Github if there is no local copy.

```
git clone https://github.com/toolsmax0/COMP2432_RBM.git
```

Step 1 Compilation

cd to the project's root directory and execute `build.sh` script.

The program have dependency upon `gcc 4.0+` and `linux 3.0+`.

```
cd COMP2432_RBM
sh build.sh
```

Step 2 Customization (optional)

To modify the component settings (i.e. tenants, rooms, devices), modify `RBM.ini` file according to its syntax.

Step 3 Execution

To execute the program, run the following command.

```
./out/RBM
```

8.2 Program Analysis

9 Appendix

9.1 Source Code

All source files are located under `./src/` directory. Please `cd` to corresponding directory for reference.

Insert source here

9.2 Test Data

All test data are generated with `generator.py` under `./test/` directory. Sufficient amount of test cases are generated via this generator and stored into `*.dat` files.

All files of test data are located under `./test/` directory. Please `cd` to corresponding directory for reference.

Files marked with `*_invalid.dat` are invalid tests for specific command types. The rest of files are for valid tests.

Insert test data here

9.3 Test Results

Warnings should be generated for each invalid case, while not for valid cases.

The descriptions of valid/invalid tests have been clearly stated under **9.2 Test Data**.

Insert warning here

9.4 Sample Output

Output of test files are stored in `sample_output_*.txt` file under `./test/` directory with algorithm applied. Please refer to the corresponding file for reference.

Insert Output file here