

Capstone Project Proposal: Command Line Kanban Board

Description (What)

A minimalist task management kanban tool, like Trello, written in C++ for the windows command line interface. It allows the user to create and manage boards and tasks. This tool offers a simple alternative to complicated GUI tools.

Intended User (Who and Why)

Designed for an individual's personal task management, allowing them to track the details and progress of multiple tasks across several projects.

Data

The program accepts task-related data like task title, description, and stage. It also accepts board data like name, allowing each board to represent a different project.

Advanced Concepts

- **Classes:** Utilized to define tasks and kanban boards.
- **Constructors and Destructors:** For creating tasks, boards, and the database, and destructing when tasks and boards are deleted, or the database is closed.
- **Exception Handling:** Database interactions can fail so the project will need to handle those failures and errors gracefully.

Algorithm

The kanban program starts with the user creating or selecting a board, and in that board the user can create or manage tasks. The boards and tasks are all saved and loaded from a database. The database is updated every time a change is made to a task or board.

Tasks can be updated and moved through different stages. The transition to each new stage triggers checks to ensure the task meets the necessary criteria, with missing requirements causing an error message.

Boards, and tasks can be deleted. When a board is deleted all of its associated tasks are also deleted.

Exception Handling

Detailed exception handling protects the user experience, the program data, and the stability of the program even when unexpected errors occur. Cases handled include:

- **Null Input:** Stops processing and requests valid input for null user input.
- **Stage Requirements:** Verifies if a task meets the necessary requirements to move to a new stage.
- **Database Error:** Checks for successful data read/write operations to the database. In case of a failure, it notifies the user of a database error.

- Unknown Exception: In case of an unforeseen issue, it outputs error info and terminates to prevent potential damage.

Functionality Summary

- Two main entities exist in the program, each having its own class: Boards and Tasks. There is also a 3rd class called Database to handle saving and loading data to the SQLite DB.
- Task:
 - Tasks are added to the current board's task list when created.
 - Tasks are created with a title and start in the "To Do" stage.
 - The variable difficultyScore on tasks can be an int from 1 to 5.
 - Tasks move through, in order, the stages "To Do", "In Progress", and "Done". Tasks cannot skip a stage.
 - Tasks can be deleted.
 - Task must meet the next stage's requirements to move to the next stage:
 - Tasks need a description and difficulty score to enter the "In Progress" stage.
 - Tasks have no additional requirements to move to the "Done" stage.
- Board:
 - Boards can be deleted.
 - The user can switch between boards, working with one board at a time.
 - Tasks are ordered in their stages on their board by their id.
 - Deleted Boards get their Tasks deleted as well.
- Database:
 - Created Boards and Tasks are saved to a SQLite database.
 - Any updates are also saved to the SQLite database.