SOFTENG 325 Assignment 01 - A Concert Booking Service

The aim of this assignment is to build a Web service for concert booking.

System description

A booking service is required for a small venue, with a capacity of 120 seats. The venue's seats are classified into three price bands, Silver, Gold and Platinum. A concert may run on multiple dates, and each concert has at least one performer. Additionally, a performer may feature in multiple concerts.

The service is to allow clients to retrieve information about concerts and performers, to make and enquire about seats and reservations, and to authenticate users.

When making a reservation, clients may enquire about available seats. They should be informed of any unbooked seats, along with their pricing. Clients may select any number of seats to book. When making a reservation request, double-bookings are not permitted. Only one client should be allowed to book a given seat for a given concert on a given date. Clients may not make partial bookings - either *all* of a client's selected seats are booked, or *none* of them are.

Clients may view concert and performer information, and enquire about available seating, whether or not they are authenticated. When authenticated, clients gain the ability to make reservations, and to view their own reservations. Clients should never be able to view the reservation information for other quests.

In addition, clients should be able to subscribe to information regarding concert bookings. Specifically, they should be able to subscribe to "watch" one or more concerts / dates, and be notified when those concerts / dates are about to sell out.

A particular quality attribute that the service must satisfy is scalability. It is expected that the service will experience high load when concert tickets go on sale.

Tasks

1) Construct a domain model

Develop an object-oriented domain model for the concert service. The model should include appropriate classes and relationships that allow concerts, performers, reservations and users to be represented. The classes should be suitably annotated with JPA annotations to define their mapping to a relational schema.

2) Develop a RESTful Web service

Develop a JAX-RS Web service that exposes the required functionality. In developing the service, you should define an appropriate REST interface in terms of resource URIs and HTTP methods.

3) Write a reflective report

Write a reflective report of **no more than two pages**, reflecting on the following topics:

- 1. How have you made an effort to improve the scalability of your web service?
- 2. Identify (implicit and explicit) uses of *lazy loading* and *eager fetching* within your web service, and justify why those uses are appropriate in the context of this web service?

- 3. How have you made an effort to remove the possibility of issues arising from concurrent access, such as double-bookings?
- 4. How would you extend your web service to add support for the following new features?:
- Support for different ticket prices per concert (currently ticket prices are identical for each concert)
- Support for multiple venues (currently all concerts are assumed to be at the same venue with an identical seat layout)
- Support for "held" seats (where, after a user selects their seats, they are reserved for a period of time to allow the user time to pay. If the user cancels payment, or the time period elapses, the seats are automatically released, able to be booked again by other users).

Resources

A multi-module Maven project, se325-assignment-01, is supplied and comprises 3 modules:

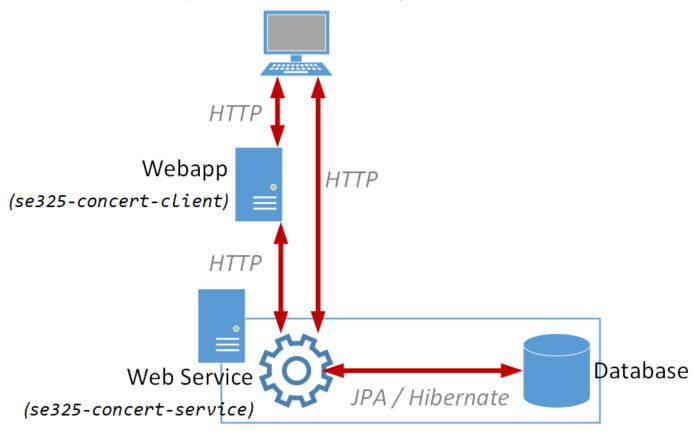
- se325-concert-client . A module that contains resources for building a concert client application.
- softeng325-concert-common . This module defines several entities that are shared by the client and service modules.
- softeng325-concert-service . The service module is responsible for implementing the Web service and persistence aspects of the concert application.

The parent project's POM includes common dependencies and properties that are inherited by the 3 modules.

System architecture

The system as a whole is a *tiered* architecture, in which a browser application, driven by a *web app*, communicates via HTTP with the *web service* you will create for this assignment. A high-level overview can be seen in the below diagram:

Browser client (se325-concert-client)



Client module

The client module contains a *web application*, built using technologies such as HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, JSP, and JSTL. This web application is capable of acting as a *client* to the web service which you will create for this assignment, as shown in the diagram above. The client contains both browser-based and server-based code (written in JavaScript and Java, respectively) which communicate with the service layer over HTTP.

The client is intended to be a demonstration of the kind of web application that can be powered by the web service you will create. You will not need to modify the application, other than potentially altering the value of <code>Config.WEB_SERVICE_URI</code>, but the application can be used as part of your testing.

Common module

This module includes a number of packages:

- se325.assignment01.concert.common.dto . This package contains complete implementations for 7 DTO classes. The client webapp above, and the integration tests (see below), are defined in terms of the DTO classes.
- se325.assignment01.concert.common.jackson . This package includes the Jackson serializer and deserializer implementations for Java's LocalDateTime class.
- se325.assignment@1.concert.common.types . This package defines basic data types that are common to the client and service modules. The types comprise 2 enumerations: Genre (for performers), and BookingStatus (for querying available / unavailable seats).

Service module

The service module will contain your completed Web service for the assignment. It contains the following packages:

- se325.assignment01.concert.service.domain . This package will contain the web service's completed domain model. Currently it includes two **incomplete** classes Concert and Seat . These two classes must be completed, and any other domain classes you deem necessary should be added.
- se325.assignment01.concert.service.jaxrs. This package contains the LocalDateTimeParam class. This class allows us to receive LocalDateTime instances as *query* or *path* parameters, which may prove useful when implementing your web service. For a detailed description, be sure to read the class's comments.
- se325.assignment01.concert.service.mapper . This package is intended to contain mapper classes, which map between your domain and DTO classes.
- se325.assignment01.concert.service.services. This package contains the ConcertResource class, which you must implement for this assignment. It also contains a PersistenceManager class which can be used to obtain EntityManager instances when required, a complete ConcertApplication class, and a TestResource class which implements a web service endpoint to reset the database. This is used for testing purposes.
- se325.assignment01.concert.service.util . This package contains the ConcertUtils class, which can reinitialize the database, and the TheatreLayout class, which can be used to generate Seat s for a particular concert date.

Beyond packages and source files, the service module contains the JPA persistence.xml file, a database initialise script (db-init.sql) and a log4j.properties file (in src/main/resources). Finally, integration tests are included in the src/test/java folder. As usual, these tests may be run by executing Maven's verify goal on the parent project, and a 100% pass-rate (along with correct client functionality) is a good indication that your service implementation is correct.

The persistence.xml file includes a javax.persistence.sql-load-script-source element whose value is the supplied db-init.sql script. The effect of this element is to run the script when the EntityManagerFactory is created. db-init.sql file populates the database with concert and performer data.

Constraints

You are not permitted to change the ConcertServiceIT class. Since these integration tests rely on the DTO classes in package se325.assignment01.concert.common.dto, and the data types in package se325.assignment01.concert.common.types, you cannot change these entities either - except to add any required annotations.

Your solution must load the data as described by the <code>db-init.sql</code> file (i.e. you must have the 2 users, 11 performers, 8 concerts, all 11 supplied concert-performer pairings and all 13 concert dates). Failure to do so will result in the integration tests failing, which will negatively impact your assignment grade. As such, when defining JPA annotations, ensure that you supply all table and column names as appropriate.

While your Web service doesn't need to be tested with concurrent clients, it *does* need to be implemented in such a way that it could be used by concurrent clients without comprising data integrity.

Finally, your solution must function, with the given client webapp, without modifying any source files in the client package (with the exception of the Config class if necessary).

Hints and Suggestions

• **Jackson annotations**. Recall that some properties on your DTO classes will need to be annotated in order to be marshalled / unmarshalled correctly as JSON. The is the only change you are required to make to the

DTO classes (and, indeed, the only change you're allowed to make).

- **Domain model design**. In designing the domain model, you should consider its impact on scalability. When the Web service is under heavy load by users wanting to book concerts, the domain model shouldn't constrain throughput because of coarse-grained concurrency control schemes.
- Domain modelling of users, concerts and performers. The supplied <code>db-init.sql</code> file populates relational tables with data about users, concerts information (including dates), performers, and which concerts feature which performers. To use the script without modification as required, you might want to work backwards from the tables and define <code>Concert</code>, <code>Performer</code> and <code>User</code> entity classes, annotated appropriately, such that the JPA provider generates the schema expected by the <code>db-init.sql</code> script. Your domain model would then need additional classes to fully meet the system's requirements.
- **Token-based authentication**. The web service specification sometimes calls for an authenticated user. Authentication should be implemented using *token-based authentication*, which is where the client exchanges credentials (username and password) for a token. Once authenticated, the client sends the token with each subsequent request to the web service. For any requests requiring authentication, the Web service checks for the presence of the token. If the token's missing, the request fails; if the token doesn't identify a user (based upon accessing storage to lookup any user to whom the token is associated), the request fails. Where the token is bound to a particular user, the user is then authenticated, and the web service may then determine whether the user is authorized to make the request.
- Returning appropriate HTTP status codes. There are several HTTP status codes that are defined by the
 HTTP specification. While there isn't complete agreement on which codes to use in REST-based Web
 services, the following conventions are widely accepted.
- 200 OK. This is appropriate where a request has been successfully processed, and the HTTP response message's body contains entity data.
- 201 Created. This response is appropriate where a request to create a new resource has been successful. The response message should contain a Location header storing the URI of the newly created resource.
- 204 No Content . Similar to 200 OK , but where the corresponding HTTP response message doesn't contain entity data.
- 400 Bad Request . This is suitable where a client makes a bad request, e.g. where a DTO argument is expected to have particular fields filled in but doesn't, or where the combination of field values don't make sense, e.g. a concert reservation request specifies a date when the concert isn't scheduled.
- 401 Unauthorized . In practice, a \texttt{401 Unauthorized} status code is used to indicate that the requesting client/user was not *authenticated* (as opposed to not *authorized*, e.g. based on having insufficient access rights). Where a web service request that requires an authentication token lacks the token, a 401 code is thus appropriate.
- 403 Forbidden. Whereas 401 indicates a user who is not authenticated, 403 indicates a user
 who is authenticated, but is not authorized to perform a certain operation. In our case, this might include
 attempting to view another user's bookings, or book seats which have already been acquired by another
 user.
- 404 Not Found. This is appropriate where a named resource doesn't exist in the Web service.
- 500 Internal Server Error. Where an error other than an application condition has occurred in processing a Web service request, a 500 status code is appropriate.
- **Specification**. You should consider the unit tests and comments provided in the ConcertResourceIT class to be the formal specification for the web service. Carefully study the expected endpoints, request parameters, and response parameters.
- Building the project and running the supplied integration tests. As usual, running Maven's verify goal on the parent project will:
- 1. cause the project to be compiled and packaged.

- 2. Assuming compilation is successful, a Jetty server will be automatically started, and your WAR file(s) deployed.
- 3. All integration tests (JUnit tests with an IT suffix) will then be run against the Jetty server.
- 4. Finally, the Jetty server will be terminated, and any results reported. You may need to scroll through the printed logs to find the actual failures which occurred, if any.

Note: The final five tests in <code>ConcertResourceIT</code> - which test the *publish / subscribe* feature introduced in the system description - are commented out to start with as they take some time to run. Ensure you uncomment these tests when you begin developing your async functionality.

• **Logging**. You may adjust the log4j.properties files as you see fit, to view more or less logging information as required for your testing.

Assessment and submission

Assessment

This assignment is worth **16%** of your final grade for SOFTENG 325. It is marked out of **80 marks**, as per the following rubric:

- All unit tests, other than the publish / subscribe tests, pass as expected: **24 marks**(1 mark per test).
- The client webapp runs as expected with your web service: **6 marks** (The marker will ensure the client is appropriately deployed you are not required to do this).
- The five publish / subscribe tests pass as expected: **10 marks** (4 marks each for testSubscription() and testSubscriptionForDifferentConcert(), 2 marks for the other three tests combined).
- A strategy has been employed to minimize the chance of concurrency errors such as double-bookings: 5
 marks (marks awarded varies based on the strategy chosen and the strength of its justification in the
 report).
- Domain model: **10 marks** (marks awarded varies based on your appropriate use of features such as eager vs lazy fetching & cascading, and the general quality of the domain model).
- Code review: 5 marks (code is understandable and well-commented; no obvious errors which may have been missed by the integration tests).
- Report: **20 marks** (report is well-structured and understandable; good grammar and spelling; report's arguments for each of the points are well-thought-out and convincing).

Submission

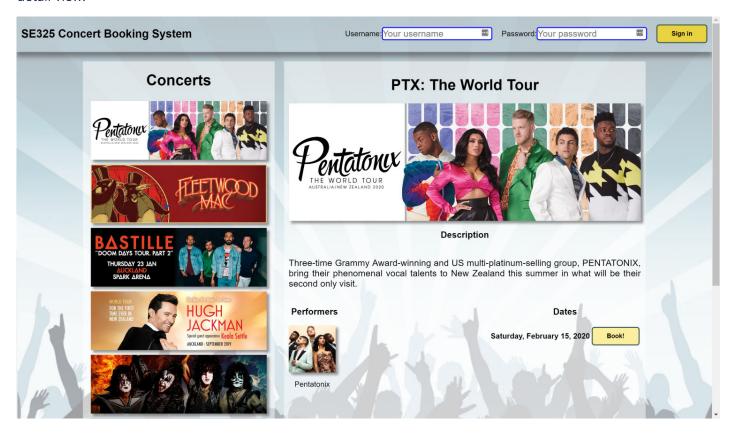
Run Maven's clean goal on the parent project to clear all generated code, and **remove version control artifacts such as the .git folder**, if you have used version control. Zip up your report (**as a PDF document**) and your code into a single Zip archive, and submit the Zip to Canvas on or before the Assignment 01 due date listed on the Canvas Assessments page.

Appendix: The client webapp.

The se325-concert-client project contains a complete web application which is designed to communicate with your web service from both its server-side (Java) and client-side (JavaScript) code, to deliver its functionality.

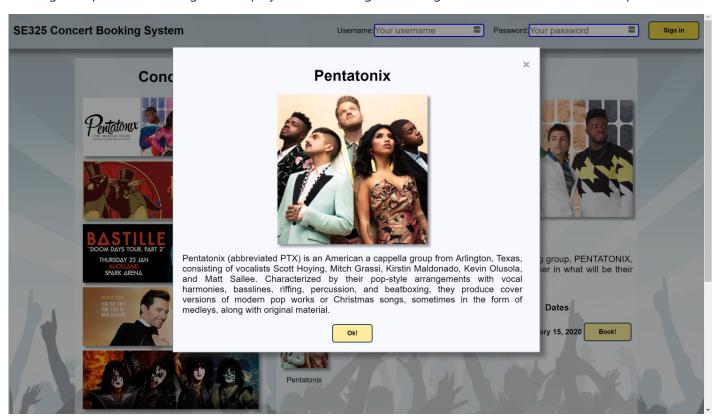
App usage

Using the application, browsing to /Concerts or simply / (within the webapp's *context*) will present the "homepage" of the app, allowing the user to view concerts. On this page, users may scroll through the list of concerts on the left side of the page. Clicking on a concert will cause that concert's info to be displayed in the detail view.



On the detail view, users can see more information about the currently selected concert, as well as a list of performers and dates for that concert.

Clicking on a performer's image will display a modal dialog containing more information about that performer:



If the user hasn't logged in, then clicking on the "Book!" button next to one of a concert's dates will prompt the user to sign in:

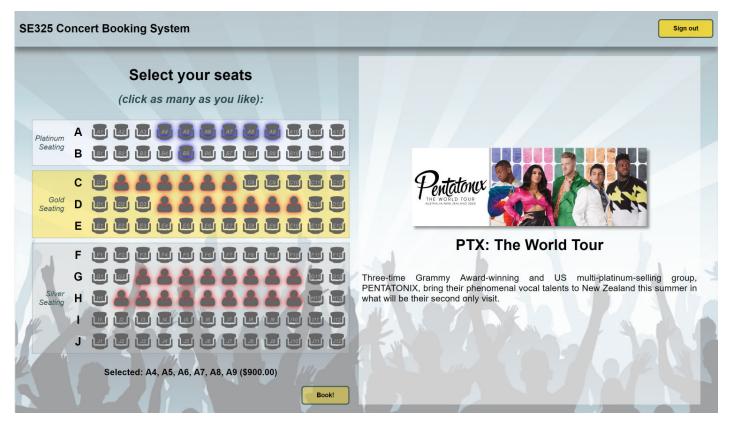
Log in!

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Please log in at the top of the page before you try to book!

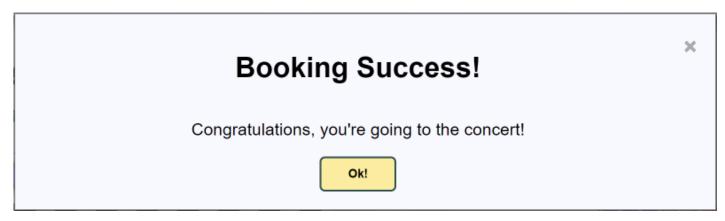


If the user has already signed in, they will be redirected to the seat selection page for their selected concert and date.



Here, users can see a visual seat map of the venue, along with an indicator of which seats have already been booked. Clicking unbooked seats will toggle a blue halo around that seat - an indicator that the seat has been selected for booking, as can be seen in the above screenshot. A list of selected seats - along with the total ticket price - can be seen below the seat map.

Once the user has made their selection, they can click the "Book!" button. Assuming they have "sufficient funds" (which will always be true for this test case), and that no other user has booked the same seats in the meantime, the user will be presented with a success dialog box:



Dismissing the dialog will redirect the user back to the concerts page, where they may continue to book tickets at other concerts / dates. (or more tickets for the same concert / date).

Limitations

The webapp currently *partially* exercises the web service you are required to create for this assignment. Functionality for a user to view their bookings is not implemented, though this is required by the web service specification. Additionally, the webapp does not participate in the *publish / subscribe* functionality required of the service.

Running the complete system

The only way to run the complete system is to package both the client and service projects into WAR files, and deploy them to a running servlet container such as Tomcat.

Fortunately, running Maven's package goal on the parent project will build both WARs as required. However, we will still need to set up a Tomcat (or similar) instance to run the application.

Whichever IDE you use, the first step will be to download a Tomcat installation, if you don't already have one. You can find them here. Get version 8.5.x as an archive (the installer isn't required), download and unzip it somewhere on your machine, and then follow the steps below according to your IDE.

From IntelliJ

Note: This ONLY works in IntelliJ Ultimate edition. Community edition does not support this. Having said that, Ultimate edition is available for free for educational use. Simply sign up for a new account using your University email address.

- 1. Within your project, open the *Run Configurations* dialog (usually available in the top-right corner, or open the search box by tapping double-shift, then type "run configurations"). Either way, pick *Edit Configurations*.
- 2. Click on the + button on the top-left of the dialog, then choose Tomcat server → Local.
- 3. Name the configuration whatever you like. For the *HTTP Port*, pick one which is available on your machine, such as *10000*.
- 4. For the *application server*, pick one from the list. If none are available, click *configure*. You'll be able to add one (by browsing to the location where you downloaded Tomcat earlier).
- 5. Under the *Deployment* tab, select both WAR artifacts (client and service) for deployment these would have been created by IntelliJ's Maven integration (you shouldn't select the *exploded* versions, but it probably doesn't matter). For the application context, set the service WAR's context to /webservice, and the client WAR's context to /concert-webapp.
- 6. Go back to the *Server* tab. Edit the *URL* to be http://localhost:10000/concert-webapp/ (altering the port as necessary). Then, click ox .
- 7. In the client project, open src/main/java/.../Config.java, and edit the WEB_SERVICE_URI field as appropriate (assuming port 10000, and the contexts identified in step 5 above, you won't need to change this).
- 8. In the client project, open src/main/webapp/js/fetch-api.js and edit WEB_URI as appropriate (assuming the contexts identified in step 5 above, you won't need to change this).
- 9. From the *run configurations* dropdown, slect your new configuration and click the *play*button. The webapp and web service should start, and the browser should eventually open at the URL identified in step 6 above. If it doesn't, you can browse there manually.
- 10. When you're done, hit the *stop* button. Sometimes you may need to click it twice (do so until the stop button is greyed out, and you see a *Disconnected from server*message in the server output).

From Eclipse

Note: This only works with Eclipse for Java EE Developers, with Tomcat support enabled. If you don't see any of the options mentioned here, it's likely that you don't have these options. You can get them through the *Help* → *Install new software* menu, searching for *Java EE* and *Tomcat*, respectively.

- 1. Open Window → Preferences, then choose Server → Runtime Environments. Click Add, then choose the Apache Tomcat version matching the one you downloaded (which should be v8.5 if you're following along).
- 2. Click Next, then browse to where you unzipped Tomcat. Click Select folder, then Apply and Close.
- 3. Next, open the *run configurations* menu (the small dropdown arrow next to the green Play button). Locate *Apache Tomcat*, and double-click to create a new run configuration.
- 4. Go to the *Servers* View. if it's not on-screen, open it with *Window* → *Show view*. Create a new Tomcat server of matching version, and click *Finish*.
- 5. Right-click the newly created server, and choose *Open*. here, you can configure the *HTTP/1.1* port on the right (say, to 10000). Save the config (Ctrl+s).
- 6. In the above menu, you can also see / change the *Server path* and *Deploy path*. the default is something like .metadata\.plugins\org.eclipse.wst.server.core\tmp0\wtpwebapps which you can use, or you can change it to anywhere on your machine. Again, save the config.
- 7. Run maven's package goal to create the WARs if you haven't already done so.
- 8. Rename the client WAR to concert-webapp.war, and the server WAR to webservice.war. This will prevent you from needing to make changes to Config.java and fetch-api.js in the client project. Alternatively, you may make the changes to these files as required.
- 9. Start the server running. (right-click it to get the option).
- 10. In a file explorer, browse to the server path / deploy path as in step 6 except, locate the webapps folder, rather than wtpwebapps .
- 11. Copy / paste your WARs into the webapps folder. If the server is started, you should notice folders shortly being created by Tomcat. And, you can see Tomcat's logging output from the Eclipse console.
- 12. Browse to the appropriate URL from your browser (which should be http://localhost:10000/concert-webapp/ if you've followed along), and enjoy.
- 13. When you make modifications and repackage your WARs, you can delete the contents of the webapps folder and re-copy your new WARs over (while the server is stopped).