

Object-Oriented Design Examples Continued

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Extended Example: Grading System

Problem Statement

The system will help instructors and teaching assistants provide thorough, timely feedback to students on assignments. The system will make grading more efficient, allowing students to more quickly receive feedback and course staff to devote more time to improving instruction.

The system will take a collection of student solutions to an assignment as pdf files or some other convenient, open standard. It will allow the grader to “write” feedback on student submissions. It will keep track of the grader's place in each assignment so that he or she can grade every student's answer to question 1, then question 2, and so on. Finally the application will create new pdf files including comments for return to the students.

Besides feedback, the system will help with calculating grades. The grader can associate points with each piece of feedback, so that the application can calculate points earned on the assignment. The grader will be able to drag remarks from a “well” of previous feedback to give the same feedback to multiple students (and deduct or add the same number of points). The points associated with a particular piece of feedback can be edited, causing the system to update the score calculations for every student that received that feedback.

A Sampling of Use Cases

- Create assignment
- Import student submissions
- Create feedback item
- Edit feedback item
- Add feedback to a submission
- Export graded student submissions

Create New Assignment

Operation	<i>createNewAssignment(title, description, dueDate, authors)</i>
Cross References	Use Case: Create Assignment
Preconditions	none
Postconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ an <i>Assignment</i> instance, <i>assignment</i>, was created▪ the attributes of <i>assignment</i> were set from the corresponding arguments▪ a list, <i>instructors</i>, of new <i>Instructor</i> instances were created for each <i>author</i> in <i>authors</i>▪ for each <i>instructor</i> in <i>instructors</i>, <i>instructor.name</i> was set to the corresponding <i>author</i> in <i>authors</i>▪ <i>assignment</i> was associated with <i>instructors</i>

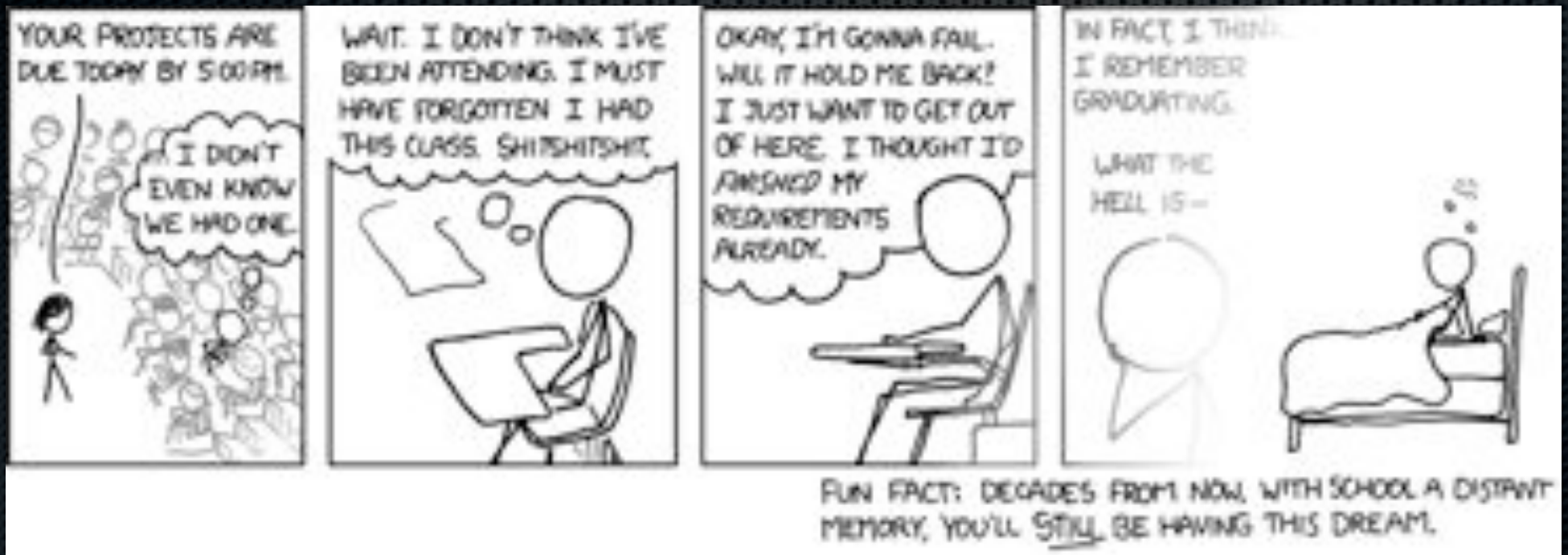
Create New Rubric

Operation	<i>createNewRubric(assignment, pointsAvailable, initialRequirements, authors)</i>
Cross References	Use Case: Create Assignment
Preconditions	<i>assignment</i> is an existing <i>Assignment</i> in the system
Postconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ a <i>Rubric</i> instance, <i>rubric</i>, was created✦ the attributes of <i>rubric</i> were set from the corresponding arguments✦ a list, <i>instructors</i>, of new <i>Instructor</i> instances was created for each <i>author</i> in <i>authors</i>✦ for each <i>instructor</i> in <i>instructors</i>, <i>instructor.name</i> was set to the corresponding <i>author</i> in <i>authors</i>✦ <i>rubric</i> was associated with <i>instructors</i>✦ <i>rubric</i> was associated with <i>assignment</i>

Add Requirement

Operation	<i>addRequirement(rubric, requirement)</i>
Cross References	Use Case: Create Assignment
Preconditions	<i>rubric</i> is an existing <i>Rubric</i> in the system
Postconditions	▪ <i>requirement</i> was appended to <i>rubric.requirements</i>

Students



<http://xkcd.com/557/>

The same goes for the one where you're wrestling the Green Ranger in the swimming pool full of Crisco. You guys all have that dream, right? It's not just me. Right?

Edit Feedback Item

Operation	<i>editFeedbackItem(item, title, points, comments)</i>
Cross References	Use Case: Edit Feedback Item
Preconditions	<i>item</i> is an existing <i>FeedbackItem</i> in the system
Postconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the attributes of <i>item</i> were updated based on the other arguments

Exam Review

Your Turn...

Add Submission

Operation	<i>addSubmission(assignment, studentName, submissionData, submissionDate)</i>
Cross References	Use Case: Import Student Submissions
Preconditions	<i>assignment</i> is an existing <i>Assignment</i> in the system
Postconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ a new <i>Submission</i> instance, <i>submission</i>, was created✦ <i>submission.studentAnswers</i> was set to <i>submissionData</i>✦ <i>submission.submissionDate</i> was set to <i>submissionDate</i>✦ <i>submission</i> was associated with <i>assignment</i>✦ a new <i>Student</i> instance, <i>student</i>, was created✦ <i>student.name</i> was set to <i>studentName</i>✦ <i>submission</i> was associated with <i>student</i>