Testing for CAD-API

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Abstract

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Introduction

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**Objective:**

The main motto of this project is to develop software that works on the engineering drawing and to design the E.D concepts.

**Scope:**

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- So for making the cost reduction and for the fast production of output, and for Drawing a simple and fast 3D structures within seconds.

**LITERATURE SURVEY**

Many researchers have used the API of various CAD systems in order to develop applications and tools, and always the conclusions dictate that the benefits and the advantages of the API are vast. According to Kyratsis et al., up to date CAD software environments are filled with powerful modelling capabilities and by using the API of a modern CAD system, the DRILL3D software routine was developed.

The application creates parametrically controlled tool geometries and by using different cutting conditions, achieves the generation of solid models for all the relevant data involved during the drilling manufacturing process (drilling tool, cut workpiece, undeformed chip etc).

**Neto et al** developed a CAD based system in order to program a robot from a 3D CAD model, allowing users with basic CAD skills to generate robot programs off-line. Another in 2019 use of the API can be found in the study of Haba and Oancea on the manufacturing technologies that are designed for the assembly of a single cylinder, four strokes, air cooled engine block.

**Badan et al** and **Oancea et al** developed a software tool in 2017 that allows user to generate different types of holes, on parallelepipedic solids, starting from different references as edges, vertexes, known points on the solids, or different types of entities which are placed on the solids.

**Abdullah Z et al** (2015). Improving Malaysian engineering graduate ability to read and interpret engineering drawings. UTEM. The present paper acknowledges that with the use of the automatic programming interface of a general purposes CAD system, it is possible to develop a collection of CAD based applications that can be easily accessed with the help of a simple user interface.

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TECH NOTE APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE

Tech Note application mainly based on 3 steps
1. TN Geometry
2. TN Database
3. TN Application

This TNApplication is built with java Fx. This is an architecture friendly as built with Java. In TN geometry we have all methods responsible for mathematical calculations.

TNDatabase is responsible for all save and retrieval of data. Then comes the TNApplication where every entity has corresponding class like circle entity has circle class, line entity has line class. The TN application lies below the TNcommands. The TN geometry and TNDatabase lies beside

TN Geometry:

- TN Geometry all the codes will be present in this below the packages as shown above like GeEntity, GeCurve, GeEllipse so on etc.
- Codes present in this are to draw a point or line or for all the mathematical operation where ever it is required to do so this geometry will take place and go ahead with the work.
- This Geometry is only for passing the values the overall database will be working in the database environment which is the second data model in this Tech Note application

TN Data base:

- The above specifies how the application, commands , geometrical points and database are placed. In commands we have specifications of the entities like line, circle, ellipse, fillet, arc and polygon. With these commands we select according to our requirement.
- Then comes the TNApplication where every entity has corresponding class like circle entity has circle class, line entity has line class. The TN application lies below the TNcommands. The TN geometry and TNDatabase lies beside each other and lies below the TNApplication.
TN Database will be working in background for storing the data base or for knowing what to measure and what type commands should be used at what time. Everything will be stored in the data base.

If any person want to know about the values stored and commands want to be used everything will be stored which can be visible for all the people who are using the application.

We have seen the Geline, GeCircle, GeEllipse and so on.. here we are able to see all the things like Dbline, DbCircle, DbEllipse. That mean everything is interlinked here what ever the command we are using the same database class will be called so that the commands will be called and executed simultaneously.

Every Dbentity further has a DbCurve which is classified into further corresponding shapes

While coming to DbSymbolTable, it has
  - DbSheetTable: The data regarding the sheets are stored to SheetTable
  - DbBlockTable: Whatever we entity we draw are stored to the BlockTable
  - DbLineTypeTable: The data regarding the Lines and it’s types are stored to LineTypeTable
  - DbLayerTable: The data regarding the Lines and it’s types are stored to LayerTable

The every time you select a operation it is executed as separate thread and continues the operation until the work done.

Java multithreading is implemented in this Tn software to achieve multitasking.

**TN Application and commands:**

Application is the main moto of the project “Tech Note”.

This application will be running under the two basis of geometry and database.

Commands will be used to help to work done faster. Mean without picking the shortcuts all the time we can use the commands in the command box and we can draw the structures.

**Architecture Diagram:**

In technote editor we have menu options, layer options, formats where we can specify the dimensions such as line, arcs, circles and projections etc…

With refer to given command it goes into methods in java application when method is called it stores in database according to given command the data got stored either in TN database or in GN database. And thus in the technote the command output got executed.

**UNIT TESTING**

Checking the functionality of the program:

![fig 5.1 Step Process for error correction](image)
when we write a code we need some of the requirements to get output as success.

The above mentioned figures 5.1 and 5.2 are the process involved to execute the program successfully.

Firstly write the code with the requirement needed as per the logics needed by given questions.

Run the test and if the code got successful then we can directly implement the code and can get output but if the code get fails then makes little changes and again run the code and follow the same process.

Fig 5.1 shows in detail process of user and developer stage. And fig 5.2 shows the reversible process of getting output as success.

**JUNIT Testing:**

Unit testing is used for knowing where our program is getting failed

And how the program is running with the multiple test cases. Picking many samples outputs and testing the values with the written code. As shown in below fig 5.3 it shows the testing is failed or passed.

If the testing is passed then the resultant output will be shown in green color or else the output will be shown in red color.

If the color at the output is red then it shows that, the written test code was somewhere wrong we can make changes in the logic and we can get the code tested successful.

Below we had attached GePoint Testing which is the starting stage of geometry point representation and the following output also got successful at last.

We can make testing for all the geometry codes and we can know that the codes written correct or not.

**ASSEMBLY PROCESS**

When it is the turn of assembly process the designing process is divided into some steps.

The all the steps are helped to execute the built in parts of 3D models to each and every component.

Figure depicts the steps used in the cylinder piston.

Inserted data is used to initialize the required variables and the values when the primary come dimensions are given by the person who is using the design methodologies. And the secondary dimensions are came from the mathematical equations of primary content data.

For example the width of the piston -> called specific percentage of its diameter.
**CONVERSION FROM 2D TO 3D DIAGRAMS**

Conversion of 2D detail drawings to parametrical objects in Mechanical desktop system:

- In this interactive modeling method allows to create 3D parametrical objects in MD systems, using 2D parts detail drawing files with extension are presented.
- An appropriate methodic algorithm for realization of this task, special users fragment menu ant toolbar from 2D to 3D were created.
- Those items contain macros and special commands created by employing AutoLISP programming language.

Design process for all object oriented systems is similar: closed profile must be created parametrical dimensions are indicated.(this can be corrected at any stage of design process if needed).
- 3D objects can be created from the drawn profile using extrusion, rotating, lofting and other operations.

The final object is the complex of all 3D objects combined with operations attached of it.
- The main labour expenditures of 3D parametrical modeling depend on profiles creation and its orientation in the space. Many additional operations must be executed for realization of these steps.
  - Information concerning 2D profile extraction from within detail drawing.
  - Profiles orientation in the space with respect of elements of new formed model.
  - Automated creation of sketch and profiles inside of it.
  - Creation of 3D parts using interactive way.

*fig 6.1 & 6.2 Assembly Process*

Last stage of designing is the making of cylindrical assembling in the above example. And the required essential parts for comprising the assembly loaded from saved folders so this is important for the assembling in the setting stage of component model.

- Using special properties of mechanical each part is assigned in the order everything is presented by using ISO 15552 methodology. All the values used in this cad application is taken from the library where that contains all the collection information about all the materials by making the techniques of the CAD software. The property and the essential parts will be changing according to the use of requirement while the methodology is processing. This methodology meant that the air pressure is depending by the material section.
- This meant that material selection is depending upon the air pressure.
- Used methodology for the assembling process is bottom up methodology. When we go into the assembling process them we look into modeling first and then they will be inserting into the assembling process for the positioning. When the assembling process is going on the structure of the assembling process are almost identical for this pneumatic cylinder model. We can make use of different design approaches when we know the process how to make any 3d assembling by visualization at least then we can convert that into the assembling process using this cad application easily.
- By using the following techniques the same procedure can be followed for any transformation of assembling process and make them into it. The same process can be used every time but with the different perception and use.

*fig 9.1 Detail 2D to 3D conversion*
Algorithm of subsystem for conversion 2D drawing to 3D objects:

- Algorithm of 2D drawings transformation to the 3D parametrical objects is presented in the fig 9.2.
- The format of additional information depends on the stage of algorithm execution and is related with sectional view estimation, definition of extrusion distances.
- It should be mentioned that the presented methodic also has the limitations: the 3D parametrical model is built in the same file as the part drawing, the qualified engineering skills are required for the parametrical 3D model creation.
- The user will premeditate the operations sequence, there are a lot of information which must be executed interactively.
- These problems are important and will be studied in the future.

DESIGN OUTCOMES:

As the main concept of this is to create the a software that digitalizes the engineering drawing concepts. We have created some of the examples on this TN software.
In this application, there is also a special feature called Isomorphic view where the whole plane is tilted for 30 degrees of angles. This view helps the clients to create or 3D figures in 2D planes with ease. With the click operation the user can also shift between Top view, side view, and front view.

Fig. 8.6

Conclusion:

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Outputs:
Converting 2D to 3D:

Output:- (2d to 3d):