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Abstract

Over the years, we have had complaints of people copying someone else's project directly as his/her own. Therefore, this project is aimed at solving the problem of copyright as identified during seminar presentations, project defense etc in schools. To solve the above mentioned problem, this application is developed to capture relevant information of all project works undertaken and completed in the department. The application is an off-line tracking system; it will be installed on the user computer for use. The system will track projects by inputting some parameters of a new project to ascertain whether the work has been done by somebody especially from the Computer Science department, University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN). This system would help supervisor to assign topic to students using recommendations from the previous project. Object Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) methodology was used for the analysis and design while Java and MYSQL was used to implement in a window 7.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.0 Introduction

Over the years, there have been several issues of students going to the departmental library to pick a copy of project written by another person, not as a guide but to submit the same topic as a research proposal to his/her supervisor without the knowledge of the teacher or supervisor's recommendation. When approved, the student goes ahead to copy word after words as his/her own. And these are plagiarism which is against the academic law. Therefore, this project will serve as database for the department of computer science to check mate these abnormality by student. To this end, this project is aim at solving the problem of copying someone else project as his/her own as identified during a seminar presentation in the department of computer science. To solve this problem mentioned above, monitoring software will be designed, to capture relevant information of all project works undertaken and completed in the department. This project will track student by querying the database, using text from the students research work through some parameters of the new project to ascertain whether the work has been done by somebody else. This system would help supervisor to assign topic to students by the recommendation from the previous project. The University Student project Tracker (USPT) will be designed using Java and MYSQL implemented in a Windows 7. This USPT is a standalone application that will help to track the project work from the database through the search engine. In this case, the entire project that undertaken and completed in the department will be stored for records purpose or referential purposes. The USPT is an off-line tracking system that will help to track the project work by comparing the proposed project with the one stored in the database which is off-line.

The USPT will help the department of computer science to track project works, documents, assignments and research papers. They can check the contents of a project's originality before accepting or rejecting it. When a project is loaded in the USPT, it goes through its content to ascertain the percentage of text copied or the similarities with existing projects through the search engine.

1.1 Statement of the problem

Over the years, we have had complaints of people copying someone else's project directly as his/her own. This has led to lack of originality in several researches, increased level of plagiarism and laziness on the part of researchers.

1.2 Aim/ Objectives of the project

The aim/goal of this work is to design a tracking system for the department of computer science that will serve as a database for storing project work done by students. Specifically the aim/objectives of the project are:

1. To identify the original owner of a project work.
2. To identify the percentage of text copied or similar in a project
3. To help supervisor in assigning topics to students using the recommendations of the tracker.
4. To provide a database of the project works done by student of the department for records purpose or referential purposes.

1.3 Significance of the project

1. This project has a greater potential for the department of computer science as it will help them before the defense to track any students who copied someone's work directly as his/her own.
2. It will also help supervisor in assigning topics to students using the recommendations of the tracker.

Chapter 2: **Literature Review**

2.0 Introduction

This chapter provides an over view of technologies and the tools used in designing and development of this project.

It also reviewed some works on plagiarism which provided a better understanding, problems and solutions which other researchers have attempted to tackle and profer a way forward.

Finally, it gives the summary of the main points which are essentially, the concerns of earlier efforts which helped and to chart the way forward for this work, and to draw from the contributions of earlier works.

2.1 Theoretical Background

The technologies used in this project work are Java and MYSQL. [1] Java is a stand-alone application that was used to develop this University Student Project Tracker (USPT) application. The USPT is developed using frame and panels. A frame is the basic window or container used in graphics user interface (GUI) applications. It has a border and a title. Other components are added to the frame. Components like: Menus, Panels, Label, TextArea, ComboBox, Button, Split Panes, and Scroll Panes etc. A frame is use for the creation of user interface and it holds the user interface components. The javax.swing.JFrame class is used for creating the frame. Figure 2.1 is the home page of this project, developed using frames and Panels.

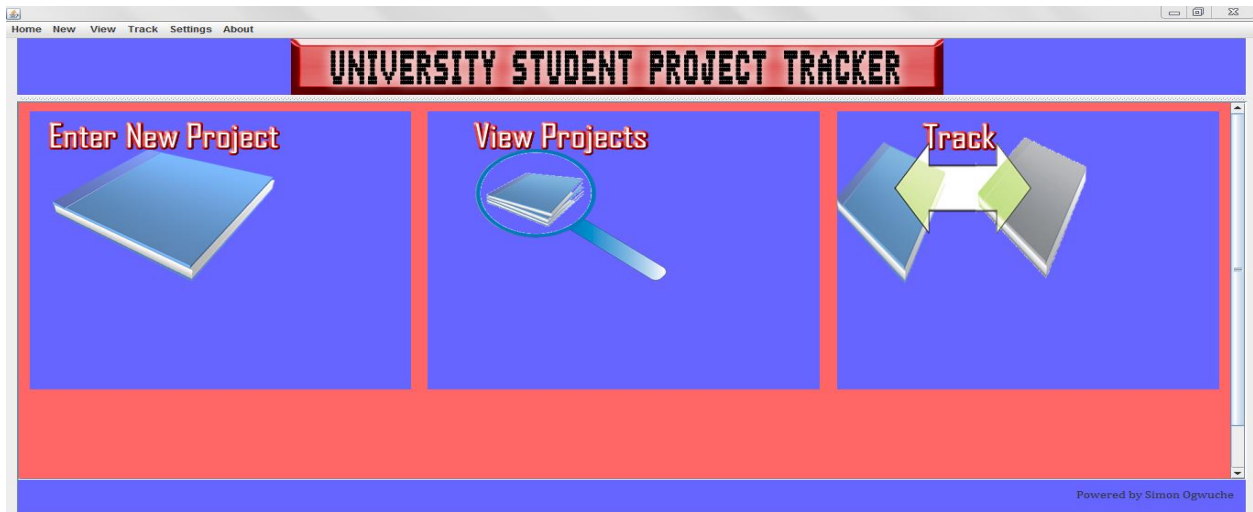


Figure 2.1 Home Page of USPT.

The major Java elements for constructing the GUI are (JMenuBar, JButton, JRadioButton, JLabel, JList, JTextField, JTextArea, and JScrollPane). From the frame above, we have the main Menu which contains other sub menus where user can navigate within the applications. The following procedure describes how to create a menu:

- Create a JMenuBar object, and set it into a menu container, such as a JFrame.
- Create one or more JMenu objects, and add them to the menu bar object. Object like: Home, New, View, Track, Settings, and About.
- Create one or more JMenuItem objects, and add them to the menu object. E.g Settings in JMenu has a JMenuItems: Update Projects and Delete Projects as there menu items.

The javax.swing.JMenu, javax.swing.JMenuItem classes are used to create menus. [2]

Next on the frame is a container that holds a banner (the title of the project) follow by desktop Panels that holds Labels and icons in the project. These desktop panels can also help user to move to next page within the project when clicked. Below is the codes used in constructing the home page of USPT, figure 2.1.

```
import javax.swing.*;

public class Homepage extends javax.swing.JFrame {

public static void main(String args[]) {
```

```

    public void run() {

        new Homepage().setVisible(true);

        private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel1;

        private javax.swing.JMenu jMenu1;

        private javax.swing.JMenuBar jMenuBar1;

        private javax.swing.JMenuItem jMenuItem1;

    }

}

}

```

[3] MySQL Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) was used to create the database. Mysql is also used for accessing, maintaining, and managing the data in the database. The form in figure 2.2 contains a table that is used to display and edit information in the form of a grid. The table was created by java using the syntax: javax.swing.JTable class. JTable does not store the data, but only displays the data from the table model. Mysql stores the data in the database and make it available when needed for user. Below is sample of form of table in the USPT tracker interface, showing how the student project that was stored in database is shown in the interface.

The screenshot shows a Java Swing window titled "Tracker". At the top right, there is a search bar labeled "Search by Student Reg.". Below the title bar, there is a navigation bar with buttons for "Abstract", "Chapter 1", "Chapter 2", "Chapter 3", "Chapter 4", "Chapter 5", "References", and "Appendix". Below the navigation bar, there is a section labeled "Enter Content:" with an "Enter Content" button. Below this, there is a section labeled "Select Project to track" which contains a table with three columns: "ID", "Project Topic", and "Action". The table has three empty rows. Below the table, there are two buttons: "Clear Selection" and "Track".

ID	Project Topic	Action

Figure 2.2 An interface showing how a student project is entered into a table for tracking.

Another Java technology used here is Java Database Connectivity Application Programming Interface (JDBC API) which enables the user to interact with the databases.

The JDBC provides a standard interface for accessing a relational database. Modeled after the open database connectivity (ODBC) specification, the JDBC package contains a set of classes and methods for issuing SQL statements, table updates, and calls to stored procedures [2].

2.2 Review of Related Literature

2.2.1 What is Plagiarism?

[4] Stated that Plagiarism is the act of taking another person's writing, conversation, song, or even idea and passing it off as one's own. This includes information from web pages, books, songs, television shows, email messages, interviews, articles, artworks or any other medium. Whenever you paraphrase, summarize, or take words, phrases, or sentences from another person's work, it is necessary to indicate the source of the information within your paper using proper citation. It is not enough to just list the source in a bibliography at the end of your paper. Failing to properly quote, cite or acknowledge someone else's words or ideas with citation is plagiarism.

2.2.2 Effect of Plagiarism

When a student could not make the necessary efforts and gain an undeserved grade, such a student is not different from an athlete who cheats and takes banned drugs to gain an unfair advantage. Student, who through plagiarism graduates, lacks the important knowledge and skills. Such acts reduce intellectual capability. The person loses the chance to develop skills which make for a productive life [5]. Such a person lacks the Critical, creative, and independent thinking. The low productivity leads to lack of development since new ideas are not found.

2.2.3 Implication of plagiarism on academic

According to [6] "Instructors typically have little tolerance for plagiarism because they want you to learn and earn your grades fairly and honestly. If you are caught plagiarizing, academic sanctions can include a lower grade, failing the course or dismissal from an academic major. An

incident of plagiarism can also diminish one's chances of a good reference from the instructor for a scholarship application, study abroad program, graduate school, internship or graduate assistantship. Your degree can be revoked if it is later discovered that you plagiarized a capstone project, thesis or dissertation.

[7] developed a web-based prototype system for analyzing up to 1 million documents; He uses character strings rather than word strings as the basis for a fingerprint, and quotes effective lengths of 30-45 characters. His work focuses on methods of selection to produce a reduced size fingerprint from the full set. These systems address copy detection on a very large scale, from 1 million to tens of millions of documents. As the numbers of document increases, it becomes difficult to detect plagiarism. For instance, the SCAM system was evaluated just by classifying a sample of 50 texts on a subjective basis.

[8] explored the ranking and fingerprinting approaches for detecting plagiarism of text. Text plagiarism involves copying parts of manuscripts, papers, and documents. These approaches have a common preprocessing stage that includes case folding, Stemming (removing prefix/suffix from words), stopping (removing common words), and term parsing (removing whites pace, punctuation, and control characters from the document). The ranking approach consists of two stages to find documents similar to a query. In the first stage, documents are indexed. In the second stage, terms in the query document are matched against the indexed terms of each collection document, and a similarity score is calculated. Documents are ranked by decreasing similarity score for presentation to the user. The fingerprinting future generate fingerprint of the document. A document fingerprint is a collection of integers that represent some key content of the document. Each of these integers is referred to as a minutia typically; a fingerprint is generated by selecting substrings from the text and applying a mathematical function to each selected substring. This function, similar to a hashing function produces one minutia. The minutiae are then stored in an index for quick access when querying. Using experiments on two collections, they demonstrated that the identity measure and the best fingerprinting technique are both able to accurately identify plagiarized documents.

[9] tried to classify metrics used for plagiarism detection. They proposed two ways of classifying metrics. First classification is based on the number of documents involved in the metrics

calculation process and second one is based on computational complexity of the methods employed to find similarities. In the first classification, metrics can be classified as singular or paired metrics and as corpal or multi-dimensional metrics, depending on how many documents are preceded, and depending on the set of documents involved in proceeding, respectively. A corpal metric operates on an entire corpus of documents. A multidimensional metric operates on a chosen number of documents. In the second classification, metrics can be classified as superficial metrics and structural metrics. A superficial metric is a measure of similarity that can be gauged simply by looking at one or more documents. In this case knowledge of the linguistic features of natural language is not necessary. A structural metric is a measure of similarity that requires knowledge of the structure of one or more documents.

[10] published a work on Plagiarism Detection across Programming Languages. They proposed an approach to detecting plagiarize source code copy from one programming language to another. They proposed an approach called XPlag, to detect inter-lingual plagiarism by comparing the structure of intermediate code produced by a compiler suite. A compiler suite is a compiler that supports more than one language. The XPlag mechanism comprises two stages. In the indexing stage, all programs in the collection are converted into tokens, and token information is stored in an inverted index. In the detection stage, source code is used to query the index and produce a list of programs in the collection, ranked by decreasing similarity. At the end of their work, they tested the approach against three collections using ground truth developed from an existing state-of-the-art plagiarism detection system and through manual comparisons. The results show that their approach detects plagiarism with reasonably good precision for all the test collections. More importantly, it succeeds in detecting plagiarism across languages.

[11] worked on Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection. Their work centered on detecting plagiarized passages within a document or books where the source-document is not available in digital form. The method of identifying potentially plagiarized passages was to analyze a document with respect to variations in writing style. That is, a document is divided into "natural" parts - sentences, paragraphs, or sections, and variation in the style and features of these parts were analyzed. To measure the writing style, their approach was to quantify text statistics, which operate at the character level; syntactic features, which measure writing style at the sentence-

level; part-of-speech features to quantify the use of word classes; closed-class word sets to count special words; structural features, which reflect text organization, and the averaged word frequency class. In their experiment, the size of a part was chosen between 40 to 200 words. More than 450 instance documents were generated each of which contain between 3 and 6 plagiarized passages of different lengths. During the plagiarism analysis these instance documents were decomposed into 50 - 100 passages from which the feature vectors were computed. Their result showed an achievement recall values of 85% with a precision of 75%.

[12] worked on Plagiarism Detection through Multilevel Text Comparison. The work was actually an implementation of plagiarism detection tool provided within Automated Production of Cross Media Content for Multi-channel Distribution (AXMEDIS). The algorithm leverages the plagiarist behaviour, which is modeled as a combination of 3 basic actions: insertion, deletion and substitution. Their approach was based on the philosophy that the plagiarist may insert, delete or substitute a word, period or a paragraph at any level of the document structure. The detection procedure consist two main steps: document structure extraction and plagiarism function calculation. The pre-processing modules break the document into tokens and identify words, periods and paragraphs called chunks. A document structure tree is created, where each node identifies a chunk, and each child of the node represents a contained chunk. Chunks were then compared from the highest level of the tree to the lowest through the evaluation of the plagiarism function. The plagiarism function yields the minimum distance between two strings defined in terms, insertion, deletion, and substitution. Given two character strings, the idea was to find the smallest set of primitives that applied to one string. Given two chunks they will be considered equivalent for the edit distance calculation if their plagiarism function is greater than a certain threshold. Though they developed the algorithm, it was not tested in the work for its accuracy and strength.

[13] worked on Plagiarism Detection without Reference Collections. The work was an approach to detect plagiarized texts within a document of which no reference collection is given against which the suspicious texts can be matched. Intrinsic Plagiarism detection is related to the identification of an author's writing style, for which various measures have been developed in the past. They used vocabulary richness to detect plagiarism in a document. To analyze the phenomena of intrinsic plagiarism detection, they constructed a base corpus from which various

application corpora can be compiled each of which model plagiarism of different dialects. If it is discovered that there are inconsistencies in the vocabulary across different paragraphs and vocabulary richness seems to be higher than the average strength of the author. These experiments revealed that the introduced averaged Word frequency class of their work outperforms other well-known measures in this respect.

[14] worked on Computer Based Plagiarism Detection Methods and Tools. Their work was based on two principle methods for plagiarism prevention, and methods for plagiarism detection. Some examples of methods in each class are as follows: plagiarism prevention ó honesty policies and/or punishment systems, and plagiarism detection ó software tools to reveal plagiarism automatically.

The prevention and detection methods are used to achieve one common goal ó to fight against plagiarism. To make this fight efficient, system approach to plagiarism problem solving is needed, i.e. it is needed to combine plagiarism prevention and detection methods. To achieve momentary, short ó term positive results plagiarism detection methods must be applied at problem's initial stages, but to achieve positive results in long ó time period, plagiarism prevention methods must be put into action. Plagiarism detection methods can only minimize plagiarism, but plagiarism prevention methods can fully eliminate plagiarism phenomena or at least to a great extent decrease it. Unfortunately, plagiarism prevention is a problem for society as a whole, i.e., it is at least national wide problem which cannot be solved by efforts of one university or its department. Plagiarism detection usually is based on comparison of two or more documents. In order to compare two or more documents and to reason about degree of similarity between them, it is needed to assign numeric value, so called, similarity score to each document.

[15] worked on Automatic Plagiarism Detection based on n-Grams comparison. They split a suspicious document into sentences and the sentences were further split into n-grams. A reference document corpus was also split into n-grams words, and each suspicious document sentence was searched in singleton over the reference documents. In order to determine whether a sentence from a suspicious document was plagiarized from a sentence from the reference document, the set of n-gram words of both suspicious document and the reference document were compared.

The aim of their experiments is to define the best n -gram level to detect plagiarism cases. To achieve this, they used a corpus composed around 750 notes as reference corpus. 444 from the 942 news paper notes compose the suspicious documents set. a 5-fold cross validation process was carried out and Precision, Recall were calculated. The result shows that $n=1$ (unigram), a good Recall was obtained; for $n=2$, (Bigram) the search was more flexible, allowing better Recall, while for $n=3$ (Trigram), based search was more rigid, resulting in a better Precision. For $n=4$ and above, the result produced a rigid search strategy with lowest Recall values. This means that minor changes in a plagiarized sentence avoids its detection, resulting in the lowest Recall values.

[16] worked on Intrinsic Plagiarism Detection Using Character n -gram Profiles. The task of intrinsic plagiarism detection deals with cases where no reference corpus is available and it is exclusively based on stylistic changes or inconsistencies within a given document. With this method, a document is automatically segmented according to stylistic inconsistencies and decides whether or not a document is plagiarism-free. A set of heuristic rules was used that attempt to detect plagiarism on either the document level or the text passage level which also reduce the effect of irrelevant stylistic changes within a document. The proposed approach was evaluated on the corpus of the first international Competition on Plagiarism Detection with over 70% plagiarized-free document correctly classified at the document level.

A Hashing and Merging Heuristics for Text Reuse Detection was developed by [17]. In this study, three steps of seeding, extension and filtering for text alignment were used. For seeding, they used n -grams character with a variant of the Rabin-Karp Algorithm for multiple pattern searches. Subsequently, an elaborate merging mechanism was incorporated with several cases to align with the individually found seeds. A short filtering step is then used to remove extraneous passages. The test results from Plagdet score revealed 0.65954 and 0.73416 respectively for corpora 2 and 3 in the final run.

In a related study, [18] experimented the Short Stories Corpus which comprises of four different texts reuse scenarios namely: no-plagiarism, story-retelling, synonym-replacement and character-substitution. Among these scenarios the most interesting one is story retelling - through it, they find patterns of textual similarity between story retellings. They use Grimm brother's fairy tales

as described in the Project Gutenberg as the source of their documents. The corpus consists of 200 pairs of documents, with 50 document pairs for each type of text reuse. The empirical observation shows interesting patterns of textual identity within the corpus. Furthermore, plagiarism detection using text reuse approaches demonstrates how tasking detection of various groups within the corpus are.

2.2.4 Lessons

Several literatures that focus on detecting plagiarism were reviewed. The works generally are of two types: detection of plagiarism in documents with known or available reference source and detection of plagiarism in document whose reference sources are not available in digital form. Some of the commonly used methods in many literatures to detect are: writing style of a particular author and n-gram approach which segment and match the suspicious text to a reference document.

Though several algorithms were used with N-gram approach, but none of the works used sequential search algorithm. USPT was developed using sequential search algorithm with 3-grams. This method worked by comparing the proposed project with the existing one through a text matching formula or rules which then later determine the percentage (%) of text copied.

Chapter 3: SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

3.0 Introductions

The methodology used for this work is; Object Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD). This design applies object-oriented concepts to develop and communicate the architecture and details of how to meet the system requirements. Also, the methodology uses a string of text for the comparison.

The UML technique used in this study includes the following: use case diagram, class diagram, System Architecture, flow diagram, and database designed tools.

3.1 Description of the Existing System

Over the years, the department of computer science in the Faculty of Physical Sciences University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN) has been accessing and storing all projects work undertaken and completed in the department as hard copies in the departmental library. Due to this system of storing hard copies of the research work and projects in library, several students who carry out a final year project or postgraduate research exploit the opportunity by going to the library to pick a copy of already written project. The projects the students pick are not use as a guide, but rather as a topic for research proposal.

In many cases, the supervisor is not aware that such topics have already been researched, and therefore approves the topic. When this happens the student goes ahead to plagiarizes the project word for word. Because projects are stored in hard copies, it is very difficult to know the areas they have copied since it is in hard copies. Also, it is difficult to search since the projects are many.

3.1.1 Problem facing the System

The existing system possesses the following shortcomings:

- 1) It is difficult to search very large project write ups.
- 2) Looking for a particle author, supervisor or topics takes a longer time.
- 3) It required a lot of space for storing the project because they are in hard copies.
- 4) Over time some projects are lost when some students borrow from the library without proper documentation by the librarian.
- 5) Recommendations by the student are difficult to access and implement.

3.2 Analysis of the Proposed System

In this proposed system sequential search algorithm is used for this work.

The method worked by comparing the proposed project with the existing ones in electronic format through a text matching formula or rules, the system then determines the percentage (%) of text copied and indicates whether the compared project is duplicated or unique. Below is details description of how the system (University Student Project Tracker (USPT)) works.

3.2.1 Description of the USPT System

By default, the system user interface has the following: home page menu include: home, new, view, track, setting, and about,

From the user interface, new projects can be entered into the system by clicking "new" button in a menu bar or "enter new project" icon. When you click "New" another user interface will appear which the user uses to complete the fields that are required for comparison then, submit the project into the system. For easy entering of the project into the system, all projects written and completed by students in the department are to be submitted electronically to the project coordinator of the department, where it can be stored and used to browse the contents of the files.

All projects saved in the system can be viewed through "view" in the menus bar of the home page of the USPT. "About" in the menus bar is used to show the abstract of the project.

Finally, project can trace by clicking track in the USPT home page. Tracking is done on one-to-one matching of projects; matching is done by comparing a string (text) of the proposed project with string of existing project that is saved in the system. To do this, first the user selects the radio button of the particular aspect she/he wants (abstract, chapters, reference, and appendix), then, click on enter content and a menu appear, browse for the files then click submit. After that, select the project to be track then click track.

When the tracking finishes, the system displays the result in percentage (%) of duplicated and percentage (%) of uniqueness of the project. Also, there is an easy way to search for project to be track when one have over a thousand of projects in the database and want one particular project; type student registration number or topic name, and the project will be displayed.

The proposed system has the following functionalities:

- 1) Ability to Search the contents of very large projects.
- 2) Find and return particular project from the database by simply entering student registration number or topic in a search engine.
- 3) Compare the proposed project with existing projects in the database.
- 4) Serves as database of student project for referential purposes.

3.2.2 Use Case Diagram

The use case diagram of the USPT figure 3.1 contains two actors which are User and System (USPT) and the roles played by each of them.

The roles played by User are:

- Upload Project
- Compare Project for plagiarize text
- View Project

The roles played by system (USPT) are:

- Upload Project
- Compare Project for plagiarize text
- View Project

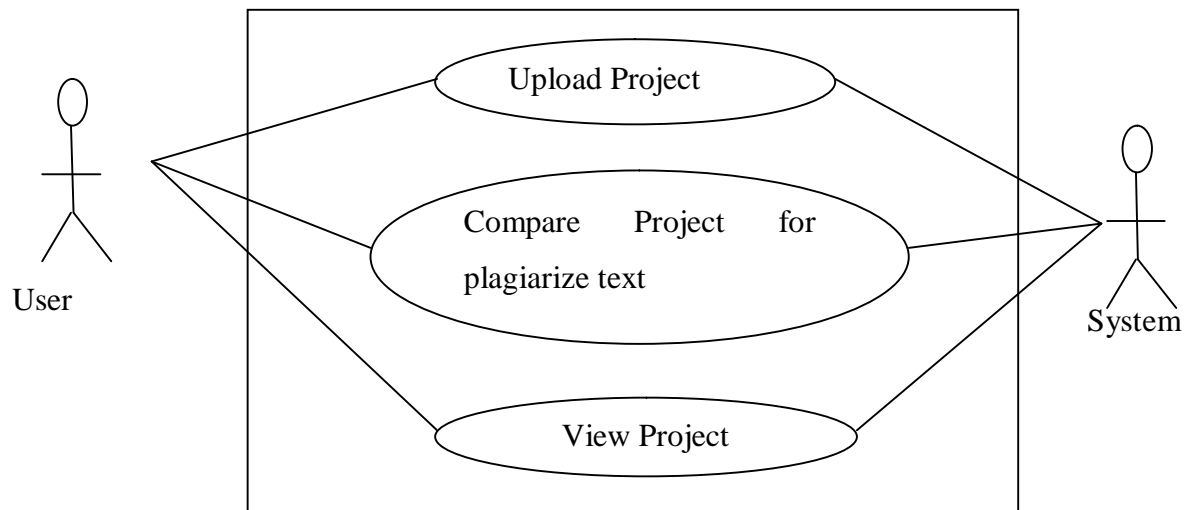


Figure 3.1: Use Case Diagram of USPT

3.2.3 Class Diagram

The class diagrams in figure 3.2 shows a set of classes in the system, and the associations and relationships between the classes. Class nodes contain a listing of attributes and operations. The class diagram was used for showing the structure of the system and what needs to be programmed. Most UML case tools can generate code based on the class diagram [2].

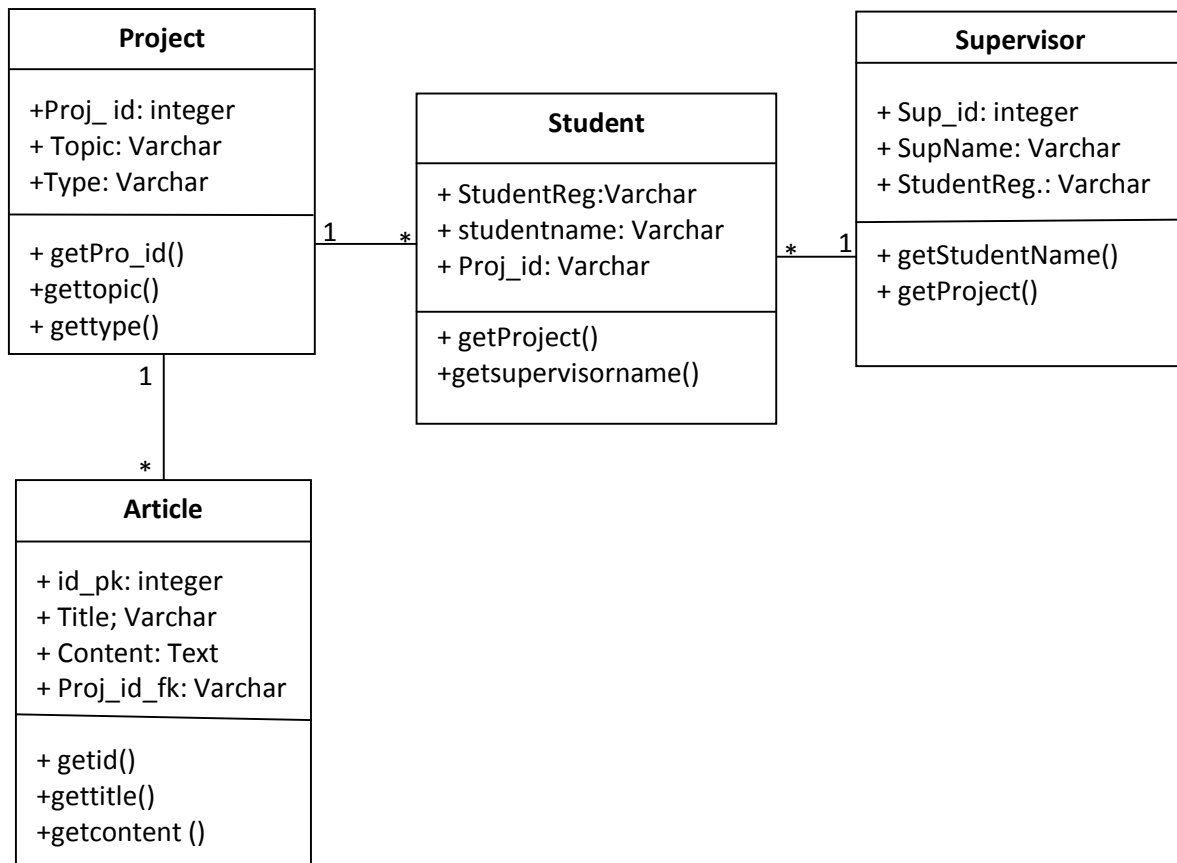


Figure 3.2: Class Diagram of USPT

3.3 System Architecture

The architecture of the USPT is 2-tiers. The first tier is the user interface and it is designed using java swing. The second tier is application program where processing and logic operation take place. Java code is used for comparing project against plagiarism and matching text alongside with the database for storing data in the system and it is implemented using MySQL database. Figure3.3 shows the system architecture for the USPT.

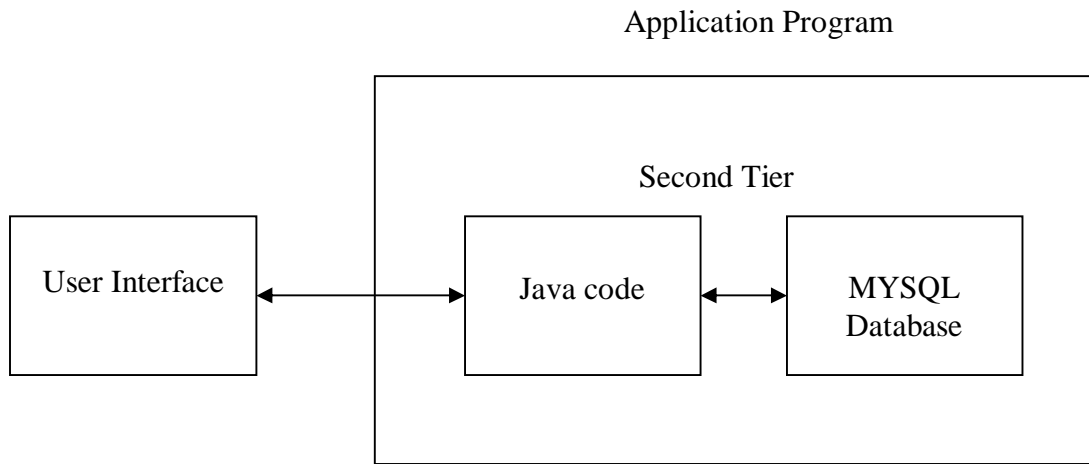


Figure 3.3: System architecture for the USPT.

3.3.1 Database Design

The DBMS used in this USPT is MySQL. The system has four basic entities: Articles, Projects, Students and Supervisors. The tables for storing records about each entity are describes below.

Table 3.1: Article

Field Name	Data Type	Size	NULL	Description	Action	Extra
Id_pk	Int	5	No	Serial number	Pk	Auto increment
Title	Varchar	45	No	Title of project	Required	
Content	Text		No	Content of the project e.g abstract, chapters etc.	Required	
Proj_id	Int	5	No	project id	Fk	Referencing project table

Table 3.2: Project

Field Name	Data Type	Size	NULL	Description	Action	Extra
Proj_id	Int	5	No	project id	Pk	Auto increment
Topic	Varchar	45	No	Project topic	Required	
Type	Varchar	6	No	Type of project e.g B.Sc /M.Sc/PHd	Required	

Table 3.3: Student

Field Name	Data Type	Size	NULL	Description	Action	Extra
StudentRegNum	Varchar	15	No	Student registration number	Pk	
StudentName	Varchar	45	No	Student name	Required	
Proj_id	Int	5	No	project id	Fk	Referencing project table

Table 3.4: Supervisor

Field Name	Data Type	Size	NULL	Description	Action	Extra
Sup_id	Varchar	8	No	Supervisor identity	Pk	Auto increment
SupName	Varchar	45	No	Supervisor name	Required	
StudentRegNum	Varchar	15	No	Student registration number	Fk	Referencing students table

3.3.2 Input Design

Input design has to do with technique or tools use to design input data into the system for processing. This section describes the way data about students projects in the department are entered into the system. Below Figure 3.4 is input for entering new projects into the system.

Title:	<input type="text"/>
Student's Name:	<input type="text"/>
Student's Reg. Number:	<input type="text"/>
Supervisor's Name:	<input type="text"/>
Project Type:	<input type="text" value="Degree"/> ▼
Abstract:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Chapter 1:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Chapter 2:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Chapter 3:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Chapter 4:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Chapter 5:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
References:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Appendix:	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

Figure 3.4: Input form of USPT.

3.3.3 Output Design

This section shows the result of processing from the input. Below Figure 3.5 to 3.7 is various output design as viewed in the USPT application:

- Title
- Abstract or Chapters
- Tracker.

Title:	<input type="text"/>
Student's Name:	<input type="text"/>
Student's Reg. Number:	<input type="text"/>
Supervisor's Name:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/>	

Figure 3.5: Form for Project Title.

Proj_id	<input type="text"/>
Abstract Text or Chapter	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Refresh"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>	

Figure 3.6: Output form for Abstract and Chapter.

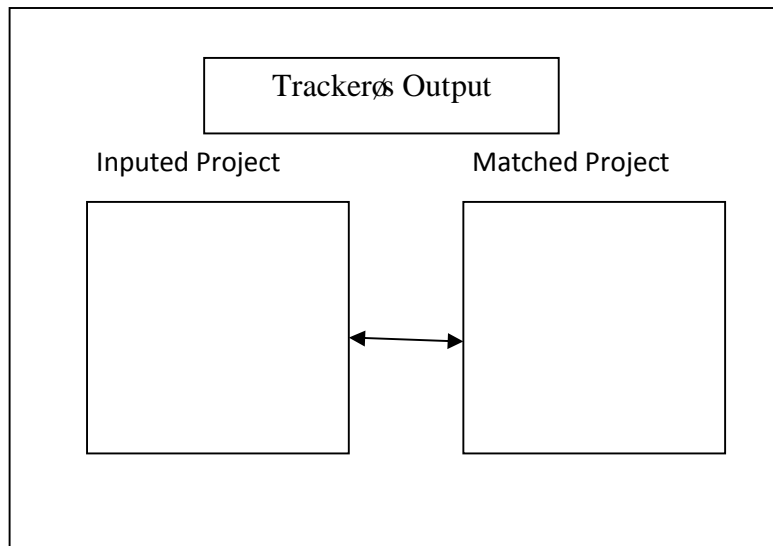


Figure 3.7: Trackerø Output form

3.3.4 Algorithm Design

The algorithm used in this work (USPT) is Sequential Search Algorithm (SSA). SSA is used in this work because it searches text in a liner form òstarting at the beginningö and till the end; then stops. Considering two conditions which terminate a search in the algorithm:

- i. The document is found.
- ii. The entire array has been scanned, to the end.

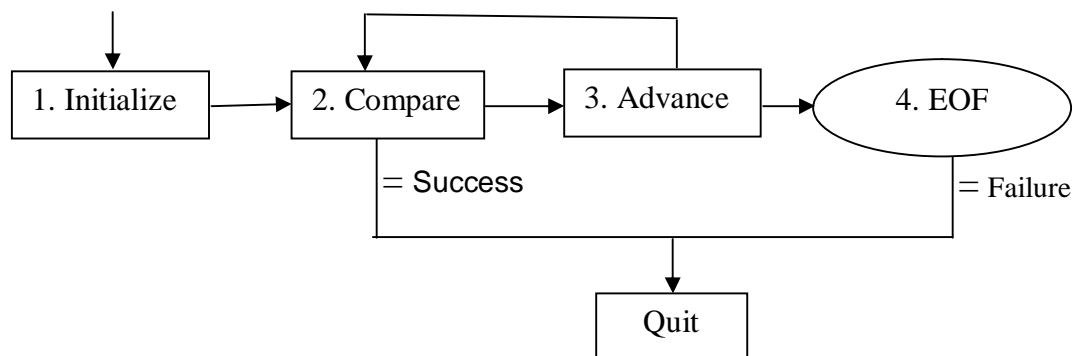


Figure 3.8: A flow diagram of the algorithm for USPT

The Sequential Search Algorithm for USPT

// Match the selected string of Proposed Project (PP) to string of Stored Project (SP) to get the selected strings

```
for (int i = 0; i < arr.size(); i++) { // int i is a start value of loop and arr.size is end value of loop.
```

```
    matchText(Area2, word2, arr.get(i).toString()); // search text and match the 3-grams proposed string with the project in the database, convert it to string.
```

```
    } //end loop.
```

arr as used in the algorithm (arr = array) used to hold set of items like a list of text. When the program run, the array stores result of 3-grams in a temporal folder after which the memory is lost.

Details description of this algorithm for USPT

Track Operation

- i. Check that proposed project is not empty.
- ii. Check that a matched project is selected.
- iii. Check that a radio button is selected.
- iv. Collect the matched project.
- v. Apply a 3-grams approach.

Database Operation

- i. Collect the matched and proposed project.
- ii. Check if they are equal report else.
- iii. Remove all new line spaces by converting them to single space.
- iv. Apply the 3-grams approach.
- v. Match the 3-grams proposed string to match project in the db and collect the selected string.

Here, n-gram represents the number of words to be matched, in this case, since $n = 3$, 3-grams means 3- words to be matched at a time.

Furthermore, from the software, it takes 3- words of the PP and match it with 3- words of SP this process continue until all the words in PP are matched and the software release result of comparison. Below is an example showing how 3- grams techniques compare project.

Rules for the Sequential Search Algorithm

- To determine the percentage (%) of duplicate, the number of matched words is divided by the total number of words matched from the main text.

$\frac{x}{y} \times \frac{100}{1}$, where x = number of matched words in project and y = total number of words in project.

- To determine the percentage (%) of uniqueness, the number of words unmatched is divided by the total number of words matched from the main text used for the match multiplied by hundred. i.e.

$\frac{x}{y} \times \frac{100}{1}$, where x = number of words unmatched and y = total number of words in main text used for the match.

If the numbers of matched words is 50% and above, then the project is considered plagiarized, else, project is unique.

Example of how 3- grams matched two projects:

A = The man is going to the church.

B = The man is going to the market.

Where A is the propose project while B is the project in the database or project stored in the system.

Iterations of Algorithm:

1 = The man is ✓

2	= going to the	✓
3	= man is going	✓
4	= to the church	X
5	= is going to	✓

Here, the sign good (✓) signify success while the symbol (X) signify failure.

From the formula above, to determine the percentage (%) of duplicate is:

$\frac{x}{y} \times \frac{100}{1}$, in this example, some words are repeated e.g, man is in line 1 & 3, so, the system sort

the word into a single sentence and determine the percentage duplicate.

Therefore: x = 6 (the man is going to the) and y = 7 (total number of words in A).

Percentage (%) of duplicates = $6/7 \times \frac{100}{1} = 86\%$

In analyzing the above iteration, sequential search algorithm with 3-grams approached was used. By this instance, sampled sentences, paragraphs and or the documents are grouped in three (3) words after which comparison can be made to ascertain the percentage of duplicated words and their uniqueness.

In this case, since the percentage (%) is above the limit for rules of this sequential search algorithm, this project is considered to be plagiarized.

Chapter 4: **System Implementation**

4.0 Introduction

This chapter contains details of the choice of development environment, the implementation architecture of University Student Project Tracker (USPT), software testing, system specifications, and documentations including the user manual and source code listing.

4.1 Choice of development Environment

JAVA language and Netbeans were used for the development of this USPT, while MySQL database management system was used for the implementation of the database.

Java was chosen for the implementation of this USPT because, Java is an object oriented programming language that can be used to develop stand-alone application [1].

4.2 Implementation Architecture

Figure 4.1 describes the implementation architecture of the designed system and the various components showing the modules/submodules, their linkages and their output data.

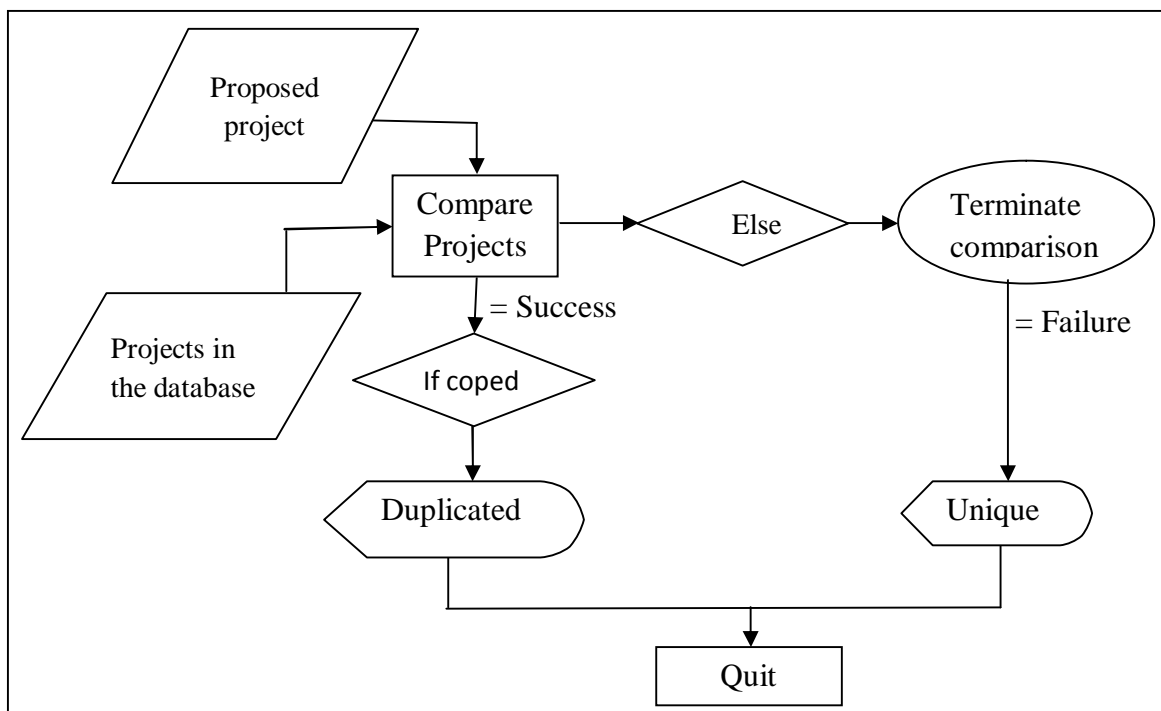


Figure 4.1: Implementation Architecture

4.2.1 System Specifications

This section provides the detailed documentation of the proposed system. It is designed for proper understanding and effective implementation of the system. It is divided into two parts:

1. Software specification and
2. Hardware specification

4.2.1.1 Software Specification

The proposed system requires the following components (and the description of their functions) at minimal level for effective implementation:

- **Java.** This is use for the compilation of the program.
- **Database Server.** This is the server-side component deployed using MYSQL for data storage.
- **Windows operating System.** Any version of windows operating system is compactable.

4.2.1.2 Hardware Specification

The proposed system is executable via the following minimal hardware specification:

- Pentium IV Processors.
- A 128MB RAM Size.
- A 40GB hard disk capacity.
- A standard keyboard and mouse.

4.3 Software Testing

The logic behind testing is to find errors. The system is tested at every stage of its development in other to be able to detect errors and remove them immediately. The software testing is in two phases: Firstly, testing during development phases by removing bugs. Secondly, testing done by running the application on the developer's computer in other to know if the system meets the desired requirements

4.3.1 Testing during Development Phases by removing Bugs

Code-testing strategy examines the logic of the program. To follow this testing method, test cases were developed that resulted in executing every instruction from the program (Every path through the program was tested). A path is a specific combination of conditions that is handled

by the program. For example, viewing a project from the user interface, this is not possible except the application is connected to the database before the project can be viewed.

4.3.2 Testing done by running the Application on the Developer's Computer

In testing the Application on the Developer's Computer, features were designed that detect errors during the running of the program and make necessary corrections while the program is in use. This was done to track the errors that the user may encounter while using program and avoid occurrence of failure subsequently.

Figures 4.2 and 4.3 are input and output screen shots of the system. The text field has an asterisk (*), indicating that it is compulsory while the other asterisk attach to the text field (browse) change from color red to green if the content is successfully uploaded otherwise, the asterisk color remain same as default red.

The screenshot shows a web application titled "UNIVERSITY STUDENT PROJECT TRACKER". The interface includes a menu bar with "Home", "New", "View", "Track", "Settings", and "About". The main form area has a red background and contains the following fields:

- Title: COMPARISON OF GSM PROMOTION SUBSCRIBERS' APPLICATION S *
- Student's Name: AMUCHE, OCHIGBO BENEDICT *
- Student's Reg. Number: PG/MSC/11/59582 *
- Supervisor's Name: PROFESSOR BAKPO, F. S. *
- Project type: Masters (dropdown menu)
- Abstract: Browse *
- Chapter 1: Browse *
- Chapter 2: Browse *
- Chapter 3: Browse *
- Chapter 4: Browse *
- Chapter 5: Browse *
- References: Browse *
- Appendix: Browse *

The asterisks (*) next to the "Browse" buttons are green, indicating successful uploads. The footer of the application states "Powered by Simon Ogwuche".

Figure 4.2: Screen shot showing how input is entered.

Figure 4.3: Screen shot of output showing the input entered.

4.4 Documentation

Documentation instructs the user on how to perform certain function on application. This is quite easy by asking the user to follow them exactly through a series of events. The detailed descriptions of the technical user manual and source code are shown in figures 4.4 ó 4.9

4.4.1 User Manual

From the use case diagram of USPT figure 3.1, the activities of the user are: Upload Project, Compare Project and View Project. The systems can also -ComparesøProjects with database information to track cases plagiarism.

4.4.1.1 Upload Project:

Figures 4.4 shows how project is uploaded into the system. Click on -newøbutton in a menu bar or -enter new projectøicon. When you click -Newø another user interface will appears, then, fill it before clicking submit. The text field has an asterisk (*), indicating that it is compulsory while the other asterisk attach to the text field (browse) change from color red to green if the content is successfully uploaded otherwise, the asterisk color remain same as default red.

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the title "UNIVERSITY STUDENT PROJECT TRACKER". The interface includes a navigation menu with "Home", "New", "View", "Track", "Settings", and "About". The main content area is a form for uploading project details, set against a red background. The form fields are as follows:

- Title:** A text input field containing "COMPARISON OF GSM PROMOTION SUBSCRIBERS' APPLICATION S" with a red asterisk indicating a required field.
- Student's Name:** A text input field containing "AMUCHE, OCHIGBO BENEDICT" with a red asterisk.
- Student's Reg. Number:** A text input field containing "PG/MSc/11/59582" with a red asterisk.
- Supervisor's Name:** A text input field containing "PROFESSOR BAKPO, F. S." with a red asterisk.
- Project type:** A dropdown menu currently showing "Masters".
- Abstract:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Chapter 1:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Chapter 2:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Chapter 3:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Chapter 4:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Chapter 5:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- References:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.
- Appendix:** A "Browse" button with a green asterisk.

The footer of the page states "Powered by Simon Ogwuche".

Figure 4.4: Uploading project into the system.

4.4.1.2 View Project:

To view, click on view from home page, and then click on view projects, a list of projects will appear, select the project to be viewed by clicking on it then right click on the project and select view full project from the pop-up menu and the view project opens, from where, title, abstract, chapter 1 to chapter 5, references and appendix of the project can be viewed. Figure 4.3 is an example of view project showing abstract of the project.

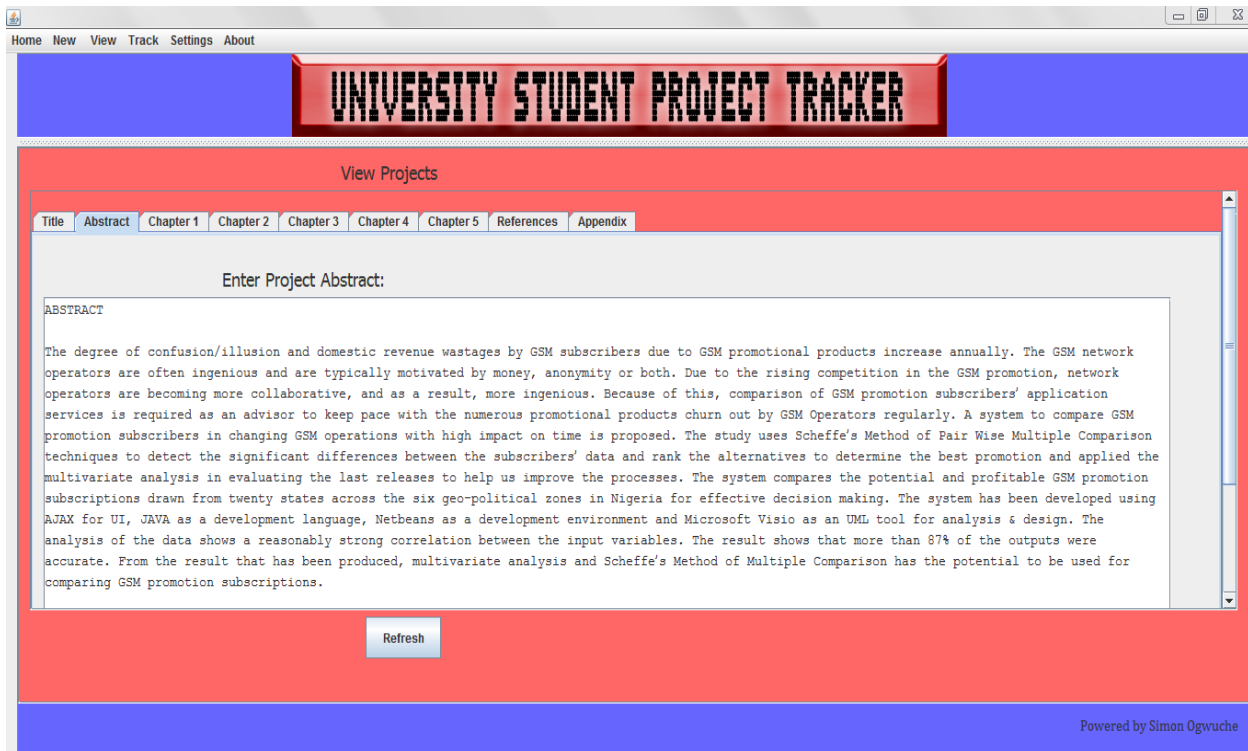


Figure 4.5: Screenshot of a project showing the abstract

4.4.1.3 Compare Project for plagiarize text:

Figures 4.6 to 4.8 showed how text document can be compared to match plagiarized work. Figure 4.6 is the first interface for the tracker, to do this, click on track then click on tracker to open the interface.

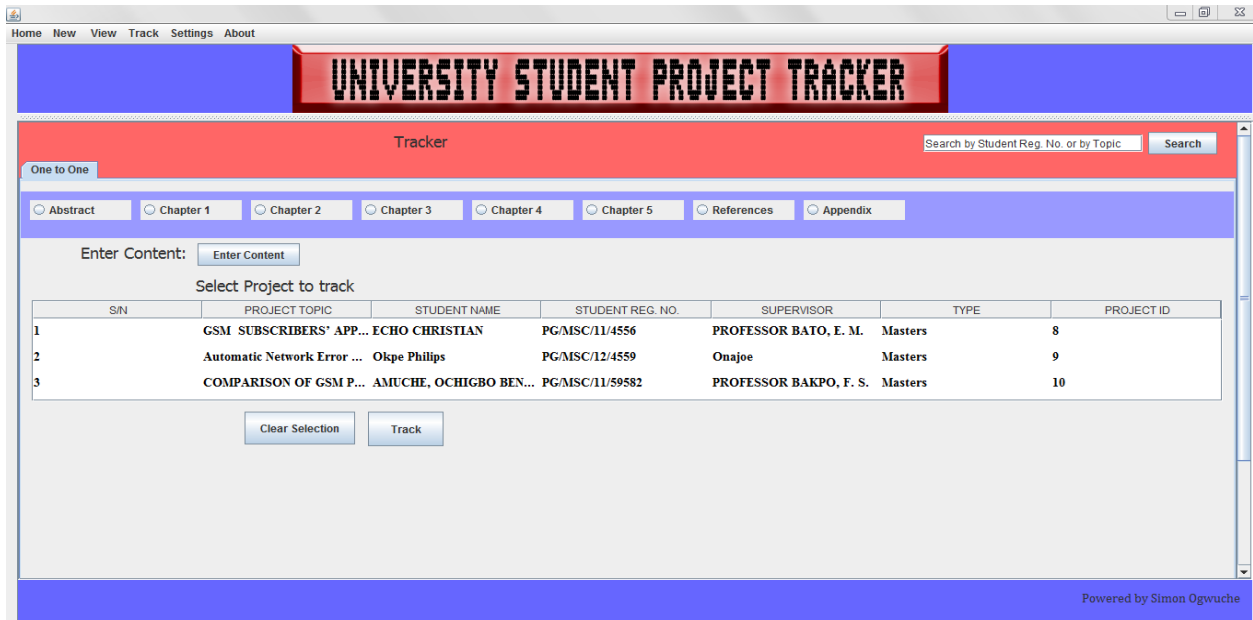


Figure 4.6: Tracker Interface.

After the operation in figure 4.6 above, click on 'enter content' for figure 4.7 to appear. Copy and paste the content of the proposed project in the text area or browse for files click to submit.

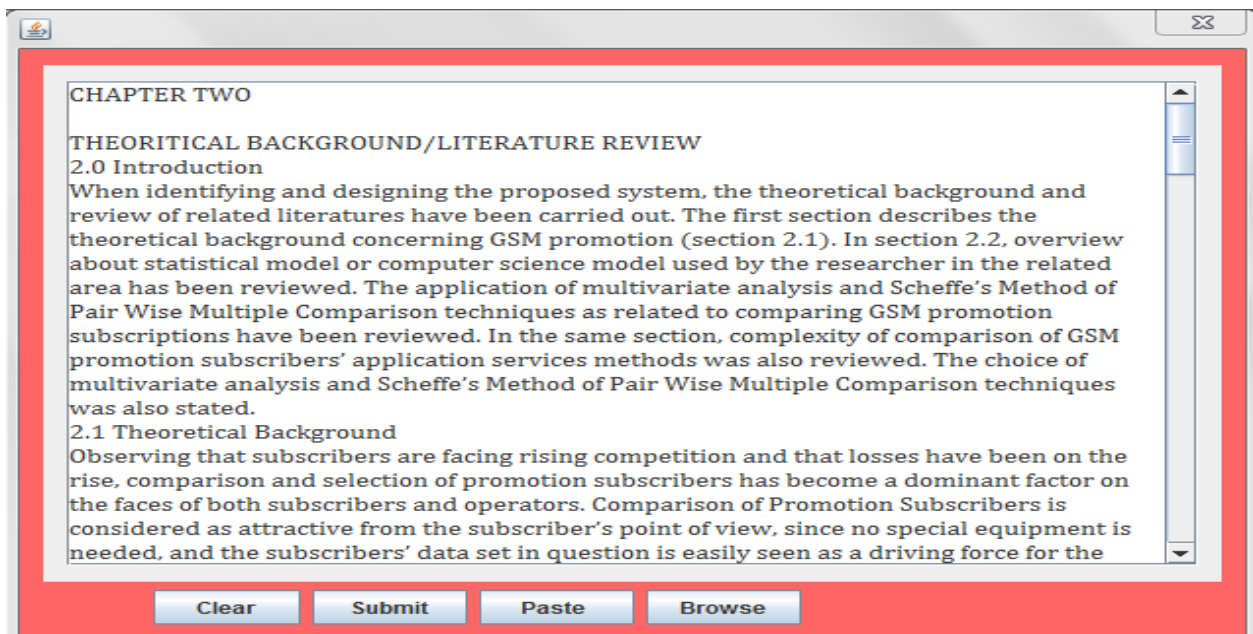


Figure 4.7: Interface for entering content for the proposed project

After the operation in figure 4.7 proceed to select a radio button of a desired item (abstract, chapters, reference and appendix) then select the project to be tracked by clicking on track. When the tracking is completed the system displays the result in percentage (%) of duplicated and percentage (%) of uniqueness of the project. the left hand side is the proposed project while the right side is the project stored in the system. Figure 4.8 is the result of comparison from two projects (proposed and existing one stored in the system).



Figure 4.8: Result of comparison

Figure 4.9 showed an easy way to search for project to be tracked. When there is over a thousand projects in the database and a particular project is desired to be compared; type in the student's registration number or title name the project will be displayed. Figure 4.9 is an example when "com" was typed in the search box.

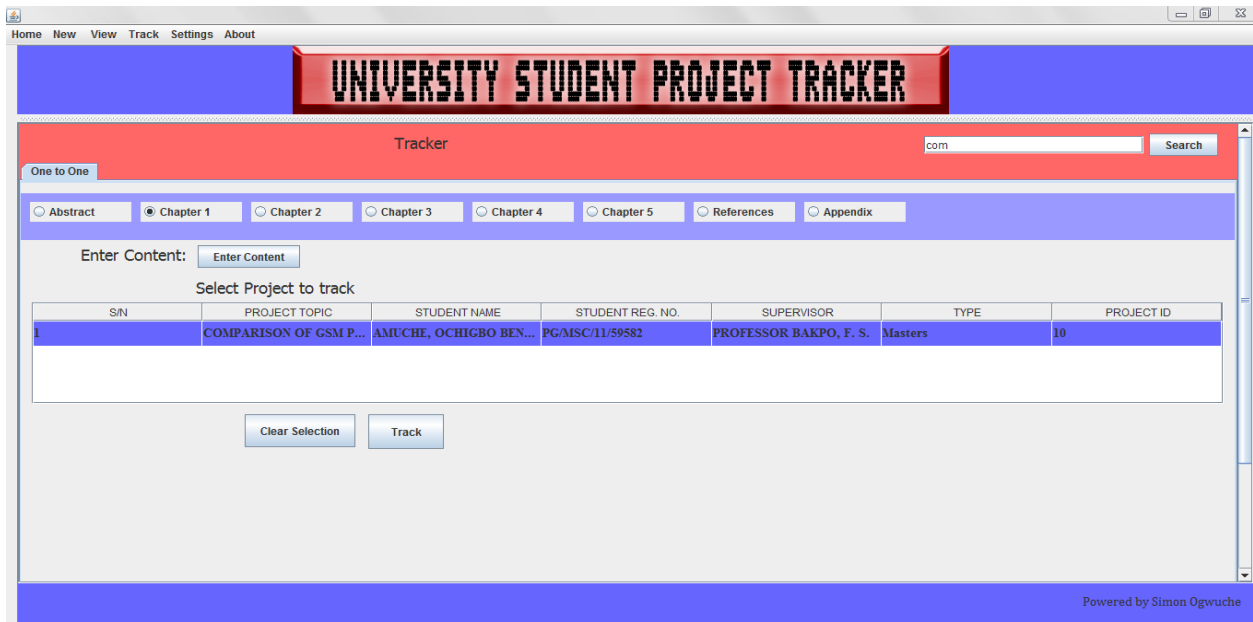


Figure 4.9: Result of searching one project from multiple projects.

See Appendix D for the detailed list of figures.

4.4.2 Source code listing

See Appendix A for the detailed Source Codes Listing.

Chapter 5: **Summary and Conclusion**

5.0 Summary

This project was aimed at solving the problems of rampant copying of someone else's project as their own. USPT was developed using sequential search algorithm with 3-grams, the USPT was implemented as software with the aid of Java programming language. The USPT was evaluated and found capable of handling ten thousand words length with high efficiency in University Student Project Tracker (USPT), store projects in soft copies in the database and the software can detect plagiarized text with the corresponding percentage text copied from the original text. Database aspect of the USPT was implemented using MYSQL Database Management System (DBMS) which act as the repository of the projects stored in the USPT. The application is an off-line tracking system; it will be installed on the user computer for use.

Students' projects tracker was successfully developed to check the rampant cases of plagiarism by students in the university using Java and MYSQL database management system (DBMS) which is capable of handling ten thousand words length and was evaluated to have high efficiency in University Student Project Tracker (USPT), store projects in soft copy in the database, fast in operation, easy application and avoidable.

5.1 Conclusion

The project embarked upon is the development of University Student project tracking system. The project was successfully designed, developed, implemented and tested to have fulfilled the stated objectives. It will help the user to track cases of plagiarism which is rampant among students. It is aimed at providing an easy to use tool to especially supervisors to enable them ascertain the originality or otherwise of a proposed project before granting approval.

5.2 Recommendations

This study recommends that:

1. The work should be put to use to replace the manual ways of storing students' projects.
2. Project content should not have more than ten thousand (10, 000) words.
3. Only one project should be compared at a time.

5.3 Suggested areas for further works

The following areas are suggested for further study.

1. Further works should be experimented based on one-to-many matching.
2. Comparison should go beyond words to involve structures as well as symbols.
3. Provision should be made for online Google to facilitate comparison of proposed project.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Code Listing

```
package projecttracker;

import java.util.ArrayList;

import javax.swing.JOptionPane;

import javax.swing.text.BadLocationException;

import javax.swing.text.DefaultHighlighter;

import javax.swing.text.Highlighter;

import javax.swing.text.JTextComponent;

/**
 * @author Simon
 */

public class Result extends javax.swing.JPanel {

    //variables

    ArrayList holdString = new ArrayList();

    ArrayList holdChar = new ArrayList();

    ArrayList holdS = new ArrayList();//array to hold index of selected.

    ArrayList holdS1 = new ArrayList();//array to hold index of selected1.

    ArrayList holdEnd= new ArrayList();//array to hold end index of selected
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/** Creates new form Result */

public Result() {

    initComponents();

    format();

}

// <editor-fold defaultstate="collapsed" desc="Generated Code">

private void initComponents() {

    jLabel11 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    Result = new javax.swing.JDesktopPane();

    unq1 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    result2 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    dup = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    result4 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    jPanel1 = new javax.swing.JPanel();

    jLabel12 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    jScrollPane1 = new javax.swing.JScrollPane();

    Area1 = new javax.swing.JTextArea();

    jPanel2 = new javax.swing.JPanel();

    jLabel13 = new javax.swing.JLabel();

    jScrollPane2 = new javax.swing.JScrollPane();

    Area2 = new javax.swing.JTextArea();

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setBackground(new java.awt.Color(255, 102, 102));

jLabel11.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18));

jLabel11.setText("Tracker's Result");

Result.setBackground(new java.awt.Color(255, 255, 255));

unq1.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18)); // NOI18N

unq1.setForeground(new java.awt.Color(0, 153, 0));

unq1.setText("100% unique");

unq1.setBounds(330, 10, 140, 80);

Result.add(unq1, javax.swing.JLayeredPane.DEFAULT_LAYER);

result2.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18)); // NOI18N

result2.setText("The Project is ");

result2.setBounds(10, 10, 114, 80);

Result.add(result2, javax.swing.JLayeredPane.DEFAULT_LAYER);

dup.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18)); // NOI18N

dup.setForeground(new java.awt.Color(102, 51, 255));

dup.setText("100% duplicate");

dup.setBounds(130, 10, 160, 80);

Result.add(dup, javax.swing.JLayeredPane.DEFAULT_LAYER);

result4.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18)); // NOI18N

result4.setText("&");

result4.setBounds(290, 10, 20, 80);

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Result.add(result4, javax.swing.JLayeredPane.DEFAULT_LAYER);

jPanel1.setBackground(new java.awt.Color(153, 153, 255));

jLabel12.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18));

jLabel12.setText("Inputed Project");

Area1.setColumns(20);

Area1.setRows(5);

jScrollPane1.setViewportViewView(Area1);

javax.swing.GroupLayout jPanel1Layout = new javax.swing.GroupLayout(jPanel1);
jPanel1.setLayout(jPanel1Layout);
jPanel1Layout.setHorizontalGroup(
    jPanel1Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)
        .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createSequentialGroup()
            .addGap(10, 10, 10)
            .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)
                .addComponent(jLabel12, javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE, 160,
                    javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE)
                .addGap(205, 205, 205))
            .addGap(10, 10, 10))
        .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createSequentialGroup()
            .addGap(10, 10, 10)
            .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)
                .addComponent(jScrollPane1, javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, 340,
                    Short.MAX_VALUE)
            .addGap(10, 10, 10))
    );

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        .addGap(18, 18, 18)))

);

jPanel1Layout.setVerticalGroup(

    jPanel1Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

        .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createSequentialGroup())

            .addComponent(jLabel12)

                .addContainerGap(311, Short.MAX_VALUE))

.addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

    .addGroup(jPanel1Layout.createSequentialGroup())

        .addGap(31, 31, 31)

            .addComponent(jScrollPane1, javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, 271,
Short.MAX_VALUE)

                .addGap(31, 31, 31)))

);

jPanel2.setBackground(new java.awt.Color(153, 255, 153));

jLabel13.setFont(new java.awt.Font("Tahoma", 0, 18));

jLabel13.setText("Matched Project");

Area2.setColumns(20);

Area2.setRows(5);

jScrollPane2.setViewportViewView(Area2);

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        .addContainerGap(311, Short.MAX_VALUE))

.addGroup(jPanel2Layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

        .addGroup(jPanel2Layout.createSequentialGroup())

            .addGap(33, 33, 33)

                .addComponent(jScrollPane2, javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, 268,
Short.MAX_VALUE)

                    .addGap(32, 32, 32)))

    );

    javax.swing.GroupLayout layout = new javax.swing.GroupLayout(this);

    this.setLayout(layout);

    layout.setHorizontalGroup(

        layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

            .addGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.TRAILING,
layout.createSequentialGroup()

                .addContainerGap()

                    .addGroup(layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.TRAILING)

                        .addGroup(layout.createSequentialGroup()

                            .addComponent(Result, javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING,
javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, 741, Short.MAX_VALUE)

                                .addGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING,
layout.createSequentialGroup()

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        .addComponent(jPanel1, javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE,
javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, Short.MAX_VALUE)

        .addPreferredGap(javax.swing.LayoutStyle.ComponentPlacement.RELATED)

        .addComponent(jPanel2, javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE,
javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, Short.MAX_VALUE))

        .addComponent(jLabel11, javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING))

        .addContainerGap()

    );

    layout.setVerticalGroup(

        layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

        .addGroup(layout.createSequentialGroup()

            .addContainerGap()

            .addComponent(jLabel11)

            .addPreferredGap(javax.swing.LayoutStyle.ComponentPlacement.RELATED)

            .addGroup(layout.createParallelGroup(javax.swing.GroupLayout.Alignment.LEADING)

                .addComponent(jPanel2, 0, javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE,
Short.MAX_VALUE)

                .addComponent(jPanel1, javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE,
javax.swing.GroupLayout.DEFAULT_SIZE, Short.MAX_VALUE))

            .addPreferredGap(javax.swing.LayoutStyle.ComponentPlacement.RELATED)

            .addComponent(Result, javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE, 109,
javax.swing.GroupLayout.PREFERRED_SIZE)

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        .addGap(33, 33, 33))

    );

} // </editor-fold>

// Variables declaration - do not modify

private javax.swing.JTextArea Area1;

private javax.swing.JTextArea Area2;

private javax.swing.JDesktopPane Result;

private javax.swing.JLabel dup;

private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel11;

private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel12;

private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel13;

private javax.swing.JPanel jPanel1;

private javax.swing.JPanel jPanel2;

private javax.swing.JScrollPane jScrollPane1;

private javax.swing.JScrollPane jScrollPane2;

private javax.swing.JLabel result2;

private javax.swing.JLabel result4;

private javax.swing.JLabel unq1;

// End of variables declaration

//method to add text to interface

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public void add1(String A1,String A2/*, String R1*/) {

    Area1.setText(A1);

    Area2.setText(A2);

    //result1.setText(R1);

} //end method

//method to format component

public void format(){

    Area1.setLineWrap(true);

    Area1.setWrapStyleWord(true);

    Area2.setLineWrap(true);

    Area2.setWrapStyleWord(true);

    Area1.setEditable(false);

    Area2.setEditable(false);

} //end method

//method to track

public void track(){

    //empty global vars if filled

    holdString.clear();

    holdS1.clear();

    holdS.clear();

    holdEnd.clear();

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//first collect the two strings

String col1 = collectString(Area1);

String col2 = collectString(Area2);

//check if they are equal

if (col1.compareToIgnoreCase(col2)==0){

    int pDup = 100;

    int pUnique = 0;

    //Setting Status Report

    dup.setText(""+pDup+"% Duplicate");

    unq1.setText(""+pUnique+"% Unique");

    //String resultReport = "The Project is "+pDup+"% Duplicate and \n"+pUnique+"%
Unique ";

    //unq.setText(resultReport);

}

else{

String word1 = col1.replaceAll("\n", " ");

String word2 = col2.replaceAll("\n", " ");//makesure that newline does not exit

//next arrange the first string in a 3 by 3 arrangement

ArrayList arr = arrange1(word1,3);//do a 3 by 3 arrangement of col1 string


//3. match the selected string to string B to get the selected strings

for (int i=0;i<arr.size();i++){

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        matchText(Area2,word2,arr.get(i).toString());

    }//end loop

//4. get selected words for calculation

//////////

    String t1 = "";//to hold mix string

    String t2 = "";//to hold matched String

    String t3 = "";//to hold rearranged String

    //////////

    String [] array1 = new String[holdS.size()];

    int [] array2 = new int[holdS.size()];//start index

    int [] array3 = new int[holdEnd.size()];//end index

    for (int y=0;y<holdS1.size();y++){

        array1[y]=holdS.get(y).toString();

        array2[y]=Integer.parseInt(holdS1.get(y).toString());//fill start index

        array3[y]=Integer.parseInt(holdEnd.get(y).toString());//fill end index

    }

    String [] arr1=rearrange(array1,array2,array3);

    String[] arr2 = check(arr1,array2,array3);

    String tt2 = "";

    for (int i=0;i<arr2.length;i++)

        tt2+=arr2[i];

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//JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The Selected List now \n"+tt2);

//5. now perform calculation of uniqueness and duplicate

double total = getLength(Area1.getText());

double X = 0;

if(tt2.length()>0){

String [] collect1 = tt2.split(" "); //to collect matched string

//String report1 = "X = "+collect1.length+"\nY(total)= "+total;

///JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,tt2); //to print selected words

X = collect1.length;

}

if (X>total)X=total;

double percentDup = result(X,total);

//JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,"matched words ="+X+"\nTotal = "+total); //to print
no. of matched words and total

//uniqueness

double percentUnique = (100 - percentDup);

double pDup = Math.round(percentDup);

double pUnique = Math.round(percentUnique);

//Setting Status Report

dup.setText(""+pDup+"% Duplicate");

unq1.setText(""+pUnique+"% Unique"); //String resultReport = "The Project is
"+pDup+"% Duplicate and \n"+pUnique+"% Unique ";

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//unq1.setText(resultReport);

//JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The Project is "+percentDup+"% Duplicate
approximately "+pDup+" and \n"+percentUnique+"% Unique approximately "+pUnique);

//6. match first text area

for (int i=0;i<holdS.size();i++){

    justMatch(Area1,word1,holdS.get(i).toString());

}

}

}

//method to collect strings from a text component n return just words.

public String collectString(JTextComponent comp){

    String words = comp.getText();

    String ct = ""; //to hold final words

    String words2 = words.trim();

    //String words1=words2.toUpperCase();

    //trim then convert any enter key to space before applying the split

    String words3 = words2.replaceAll("\n*\t", " ");

    //String words3a = words3.replaceAll("\t","");

    String[] c = words3.split(" ");

    //then remove any empty string array

    for (int i=0; i < c.length; i++){

        String chk = c[i];

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        //System.out.println(chk);

        if (!(c[i].equalsIgnoreCase("
"))&&!(c[i].equalsIgnoreCase("\n"))&&!(c[i].equalsIgnoreCase("\t"))){

            //if ((chk.charAt(0)!='\t')&&(chk.charAt(0)!='\n')&&(chk.charAt(0)!=' ')){//to remove
any tab or any white space btw

                ct = ct+c[i]+" ";

            }//end if

        }

        return ct;

    }//end method to collect string from a component

    //method to arrange string in a n by n array

    public ArrayList arrange1(String words, int n){

        String[] hold = words.split(" ");

        String hold2 = "";

        int counter =0;

        int firstcount=0;

        int i = 0;

        ArrayList wd = new ArrayList();

        while (firstcount <n){

            for ( i=firstcount; i<hold.length;i++){

                hold2 += hold[i]+" ";

                counter++;
            }

            firstcount++;
        }

        return wd;
    }

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    if (counter==n){

        wd.add(hold2);

        hold2 = "";

        counter = 0;

        // if ((hold.length-i)==(n+1))

        if(i==hold.length-n){

            i=hold.length;//end loop

            //hold2="";

        }

    }//end if

} //end for loop

firstcount++;

hold2="";

counter=0;

} //end while loop

return wd;

} //end method arrange1

//method to match string

public void matchText(JTextComponent comp, String compText, String matchText){

    String collect="";

    int z=0;//to locate where the first letter is in the string

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int counter=0;//to count the number of matches

String singlecha = matchText.toUpperCase();//to be used to verify the first letter

Highlighter h = comp.getHighlighter();//to highlight

// h.removeAllHighlights();//remove all previous highlights

//String text = comp.getText().toUpperCase();//getText from component.

String text = compText.toUpperCase();//getText from component.

for (int j=0; j<text.length(); j+=1){

    z=0;

    char ch = text.charAt(j);//get first character in the component

    if(ch==singlecha.charAt(0)){//if the first char of the word found

        //1st ensure that the subsequent ones are there also

        z=j;

        for (int k = 0;k<matchText.length();k++){

            //collect holds the temp string from compText to match

            if(z<text.length()){

                collect+=compText.charAt(z);

                z++;

            } else k=matchText.length();

        }

        //JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "working well "+z);

        if (collect.equalsIgnoreCase(matchText)){//check for match

            try {//match found so go ahead to highlight

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        h.addHighlight(j, j+matchText.length(), DefaultHighlighter.DefaultPainter);

        //send text to global array

        String[] temp = matchText.split(" ");

        holdS.add(matchText);

        holdS1.add(j);//to hold index

        holdEnd.add(j+matchText.length());//to hold end index of selected text

        for (int k=0;k<temp.length;k++) {

            holdString.add(temp[k]);

        }

        //temp = null;

    }catch(BadLocationException ble)

    {

    }

    counter ++;

    }//end if collect comparison

    collect="";}

}

    //JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Number of match is "+counter+"\nTotal number
of words is "+countwords(compText));

    }//end method

    //method to just match

    public void justMatch(JTextComponent comp, String compText, String matchText){

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String collect="";

int z=0;//to locate where the first letter is in the string

int counter=0;//to count the number of matches

String singlecha = matchText.toUpperCase();//to be used to verify the first letter

Highlighter h = comp.getHighlighter();//to highlight

// h.removeAllHighlights();//remove all previous highlights

String text = comp.getText().toUpperCase();//getText from component.

for (int j=0; j<text.length(); j+=1){

    z=0;

    char ch = text.charAt(j);//get first character in the component

    if(ch==singlecha.charAt(0)){//if the first char of the word found

        //1st ensure that the subsequent ones are there also

        z=j;

        for (int k = 0;k<matchText.length();k++){

            //collect holds the temp string from comtext to match

            if(z<text.length()){

                collect+=compText.charAt(z);

                z++;

            }

        }

        //JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "working well "+z);

        if (collect.equalsIgnoreCase(matchText)){//check for match

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        try { //match found so go ahead to highlight

            h.addHighlight(j, j+matchText.length(), DefaultHighlighter.DefaultPainter);

            }catch(BadLocationException ble){ }

        counter ++;

    } //end if collect comparison

    collect="";
}

} //end method

//method to rearrange contents in the array

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public String[] rearrange(String[] arr1, int[] index,int[] endIndex){

    int temp;

    String temp2;

    int temp3;//for selected end index

    for(int i=0; i<index.length-1;i++){ //bubble sort

        for(int j=1; j<index.length-i;j++){

            if(index[j-1]>index[j]){

                temp=index[j-1]; //hold index to change

                temp2=arr1[j-1]; //hold string to change

                temp3=endIndex[j-1]; //hold end index to change

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        index[j-1]=index[j];//illetearate index

        arr1[j-1]=arr1[j];//illetearate String

        endIndex[j-1]=endIndex[j];//illetearate end index

        index[j] = temp;//change index

        arr1[j] = temp2;//change string

        endIndex[j] = temp3;//change end Index

    }//end if

} //end inner for loop

} //end for loop

return arr1;

} //end method

//method to check selected text

public String[] check(String[] arr, int[] index, int[] endIndex){

    String temp="";

    String []arr2 = new String [arr.length];

    for (int i=0;i<arr.length;i++){

        if(i==arr.length-1){

            arr2[i]=arr[i];

        }else

            if (endIndex[i]>index[i+1]){

                arr2[i]=arr[i].substring(0, (index[i+1]-index[i]));
            }
        }
    }
}

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        }//end if

        else arr2[i]=arr[i];

    }//end for loop

    return arr2;

} //end method to check

//method to get length

int getLength(String words){

    String word1 = words.replaceAll("\n", " ");

    String [] arr = word1.split(" ");

    return arr.length;

} //end method

//method to implement formula

double result(double x, double y){

    double c = ((x/y)*100);

    return c;

} //end method

} //end class

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