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In this documentation, you will find all the information you need to develop your project.

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- The **Inventory** class in this project has lots of methods, but many of them are similar.
- The constructor should just make the category equal to the parameter value.
- In the two **newItem** methods, start with a call to the **findItem** method with the second argument **true**. If this returns **-1**, add a new Item or new Brand to the inventory. Make the code tight by chaining¹ the **setQuantity** and **setPrice** method calls after an **anonymous new Item or new Brand instantiation** in the add argument as the following examples:

Example 1: `inventory.add (new Item(type)).setQuantity(quantity).setPrice(price)`

Example 2: `inventory.add (new Brand(brand, type)).setQuantity(quantity).setPrice(price)`

- In the **setQuantity**, **setPrice**, **getQuantity**, and **getPrice** methods, start with a call to the **findItem** method with the second argument **false**. If this **does not return -1**, set or get the quantity or the price in or from the object at that location. To do this, you'll have to use **ArrayList's get (<index>)** method. If **findItem returns -1**, in each one of these **get methods**, do the following:
 1. In the one-parameter **getQuantity** method, **return -1**.
 2. In the two-parameter **getQuantity** method, **return 0**.
 3. In either of the **getPrice** methods, return **Double.NaN**².
- Start the **update** methods with a call to the **findItem**, as in **the set methods** above, and call the appropriate **update** method in the **Item** class only if **findItem does not return -1**.
- In the **findItem methods**, you have to create at least two variables : **index**, and **itemsFound** where the **index** is initialized to **-1** and **itemsFound** to **0**. Then, loop through the entire

¹ Method Chaining is the practice of calling different methods in a single line instead of calling other methods with the same object reference separately. For more information visits <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/method-chaining-in-java-with-examples/>

² NaN is a numeric data type value which stands for "not a number". For more information visits <https://www.baeldung.com/java-not-a-number>

`inventory`, and whenever there is a match between the specified type or the specified brand and specified type, set `index` to that object's index, and increment `itemsFound`.

- In the **three-parameter** of the `findItem` method, you'll have to make the comparison with something like the following:

```
item = inventory.get(i);
if (type.equals(item.getType()) &&
    item instanceof Brand &&
    brand.equals(((Brand) item).getBrand()))
```

- After the loop, if `itemsFound` is zero and `warningIfFound` is `false`, print a “cannot find” error message. If `itemsFound` is not zero and `warningIfFound` is `true`, print an “already exists” error message. In the **two-parameter** method, if `itemsFound > 1`, print a “found more than one brand” message. In either method, if exactly one match was found, return its `index`. Otherwise, return `-1`.
- In the `stockReport` method, use the following format:

```
<type> - in stock: <quantity>, price: $<price using #.##>
...
<brand> <type> - in stock: <quantity>, price: $<price using #.##>
...
<type> - in stock: <quantity>, price: $<price using #.##>
Total value: $<total value using #.##>
```

For example, **stock reports** can be found in the document ([Project 1_Phase 1, page 3](#)).

- To get and display the brand name from instances of the `Brand` class, you'll have to include something like the following:

```
if (item instanceof Brand){
    System.out.print(((Brand) item).getBrand() + " ");
}
```

- For the most part, the `Item` class methods and the `Brand` class methods should be easy. The only non-trivial activities are in the `update` methods in the `Item` class. When the parameter is an `int`, the method should **increase** the quantity by this parameter. When the parameter is a `double`, the

method should **multiply** the price by 1 + this parameter. (A negative value should automatically decrease the quantity or price.)

- Lastly, the **Comparable** interface implemented by the **Item** class is based on the **price**. Therefore, when comparing two items, the one with the **highest price** is considered to be the **larger item**.

Further assistance:

- **warningIfFound** : Boolean variable may you need to use to print error messages on the screen. In the **findItem** method, this variable will be used as a second argument. See the following example:

```
if (itemsFound == 0 && !warningIfFound) {  
    message = "Cannot find " + brand + " " + type;  
}  
  
if (itemsFound > 0 && warningIfFound) {  
    message = brand + " " + type + " already exists";  
}
```

Best of Luck