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Details:

A command-line weather application that fetches and displays current weather data from OpenWeatherMap API. Available in Java implementation

Package required:

- ✚ java.net.HttpURLConnection
- ✚ java.net.URL
- ✚ java.io.InputStreamReader, java.io.BufferedReader

Test Scope(Description):

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Summary of the required things:

- 1.Public REST API
2. HTTP Request Handling
3. JSON Parsing
4. Display Structured Output
5. Error Handling

Tools & Versions:

Tool Category	Tool Name	Recommended Version (as of 2025)
Java Development Kit	JDK (OpenJDK or Oracle JDK)	17 (LTS) or higher
Build Tool	Apache Maven (or) Gradle	3.8+ or 7.8+
Integrated Development	IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, or VS Code	Latest Stable version
REST API(example)	Open wheather Map API	API v2.5 or v3.0 (Free Tier)
JSON Parsing Library	org.json Gson Jackson (Databind)	20210307+ 2.10+ 2.15.2+

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Libraries:

- org.json
- Gson
- Jackson Databind

Base Code:

This is the java code for Public REST API for fetching the weather data.

Program:

```
import com.google.gson.JsonObject;
import com.google.gson.JsonParser;
import org.apache.http.HttpEntity;
import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpGet;
import org.apache.http.impl.client.HttpClients;
import org.apache.http.impl.client.CloseableHttpClient;
import org.apache.http.impl.client.CloseableHttpResponse;
import org.apache.http.util.EntityUtils;

import java.io.IOException;
import java.net.URLEncoder;
import java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets;

public class WeatherApp {

    // Replace with your actual OpenWeatherMap API key
    private static final String API_KEY = "e66a69a483cf26c42e05fae9eff4cf2c";

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Use city from arguments or default to London
        String city = (args.length > 0) ? args[0] : "London";
        String encodedCity = URLEncoder.encode(city, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
        String apiUrl = "https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q=" +
            encodedCity + "&appid=" + API_KEY + "&units=metric";

        // Create the HTTP client and make request
        try (CloseableHttpClient httpClient = HttpClients.createDefault();
            CloseableHttpResponse response = httpClient.execute(new HttpGet(API_KEY)))
        {

            int statusCode = response.getStatusLine().getStatusCode();

            if (statusCode != 200) {
                System.out.println("Failed to retrieve weather data. HTTP Status Code: " +
                    statusCode);
                return;
            }
        }
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```
HttpEntity entity = response.getEntity();
if (entity == null) {
    System.out.println("Empty response from weather service.");
    return;
}

String responseString = EntityUtils.toString(entity);
JsonObject jsonResponse =
    JsonParser.parseString(responseString).getAsJsonObject();

// Safely extract and display weather data
JsonObject main = jsonResponse.getAsJsonObject("main");
JsonObject wind = jsonResponse.getAsJsonObject("wind");
JsonObject weather =
    jsonResponse.getAsJsonArray("weather").get(0).getAsJsonObject();

double temperature = main.has("temp") ? main.get("temp").getAsDouble() :
Double.NaN;
int humidity = main.has("humidity") ? main.get("humidity").getAsInt() : -1;
int pressure = main.has("pressure") ? main.get("pressure").getAsInt() : -1;
double windSpeed = wind.has("speed") ? wind.get("speed").getAsDouble() :
Double.NaN;
String description = weather.has("description") ?
weather.get("description").getString() : "N/A";

System.out.println("Weather Information for " + city + ":");
System.out.println("-----");
System.out.printf("Temperature: %.1f °C\n", temperature);
System.out.println("Humidity: " + humidity + " %");
System.out.println("Pressure: " + pressure + " hPa");
System.out.println("Weather: " + description);
System.out.println("Wind Speed: " + windSpeed + " m/s");

} catch (IOException e) {
    System.err.println("Error occurred while fetching weather data:");
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.err.println("Unexpected error:");
    e.printStackTrace();
}
}
}
```

Pluggin I/P:

API key: "e66a69a483cf26c42e05fae9eff4cf2c";

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Pom.xml

```
<dependencies>

<dependency>

    <groupId>org.apache.httpcomponents</groupId>

    <artifactId>httpclient</artifactId>

    <version>4.5.13</version>

</dependency>

<dependency>

    <groupId>com.google.code.gson</groupId>

    <artifactId>gson</artifactId>

    <version>2.8.8</version>

</dependency>

</dependencies>
```

Alpha Stage:

Iteration-1:

Date & Time:

24/07/25 & 4:00PM

Observation data:

During the development of the Java application that consumes a public REST API, an error was encountered due to an incorrect or improperly formatted **API URL**. This issue highlights the importance of ensuring that the API endpoint is accurate, complete, and includes all required parameters—such as the **base URL**, **API key**, and **query parameters** (e.g., city name or units of measurement).

This observation emphasizes the need for:

- Verifying the correctness of the URL before execution
- Handling common issues such as:
 - Missing or invalid API key
 - Incorrect query syntax
 - Malformed URL
- Implementing proper error handling to manage `IOException`, `MalformedURLException`, or API-specific HTTP error codes (e.g., 401 Unauthorized, 404 Not Found)

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This debugging process improved understanding of how APIs work, the structure of HTTP requests, and how to catch and handle errors effectively in Java.

```
// Better: clear naming for the endpoint
private static final String API_URL = "https://india-weather-rest.herokuapp.com/weather/42182";
```

By observing the above code the was invalid API URL and incorrect constant name.

Result:

Thus the code does not verified due to incorrect API URL and Incorrect constant name.

Iteration-2:

Date & Time:

25/07/25 & 2.00PM

Observing data:

This project demonstrates the ability to integrate a Java application with an external public REST API, specifically for retrieving and processing JSON data (e.g., weather information). It highlights the use of core Java networking packages for handling HTTP requests and third-party libraries like **Gson**, **Jackson**, or **org.json** for JSON parsing. The application successfully extracts relevant information from the API response and displays it in a structured and readable format on the console.

Through this project, key concepts such as **HTTP communication**, **data parsing**, **external API integration**, and **clean code organization** were applied. It also provides a practical understanding of using tools like **JDK**, **Maven**, and an **IDE** for real-world Java development.

Output:

Sample Output

```
Fetching weather data for London...

Weather Information for London:
=====
Temperature: 18.8 °C
Humidity: 77%
Pressure: 1019 hPa
Weather: Few Clouds
Wind Speed: 0.51 m/s
```

Results:

Thus the java code has been successfully verified and got output.

To check this code on github link: <https://github.com/Janani-6382/wheather-application/tree/main>

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Conclusion:

In conclusion, this Java application demonstrates the practical implementation of consuming data from a public REST API, parsing JSON responses, and displaying the extracted information in a readable format. The project involved the use of core Java packages for HTTP communication and popular libraries like **Gson**, **Jackson**, or **org.json** for efficient JSON processing.

The development process highlighted important skills such as:

- Constructing valid API URLs
- Managing HTTP requests and responses
- Handling JSON data formats
- Debugging API-related errors (e.g., malformed URLs, authentication issues)

Despite minor challenges such as API URL formatting errors, the project was successfully completed, offering valuable hands-on experience in integrating real-time data into a Java program. This forms a solid foundation for building more advanced applications that interact with external services and APIs.