Vending Machine Program

Instructions for the Vending Machine Program:

In this exercise, you'll create a Java program that simulates a simple vending machine. The user can select a drink by entering a number (1-4) corresponding to the drink of their choice, and the program will display what drink they bought. The program runs until the user enters 4 to quit.

Steps:

1. Understand the Method dispense:

- The dispense method takes an integer (selectChoice) as a parameter, which represents the user's selection.
- o It uses a **switch statement** to determine which drink the user selected:
 - If the user selects 1, the program prints "You bought a coke".
 - If the user selects 2, the program prints "You bought a sunkist".
 - If the user selects 3, the program prints "You bought a Sprite".
 - Any input other than 1, 2, or 3 is considered invalid, and the program prints "Invalid Selection".

2. Understand the Method getMenu:

- The getMenu method displays the menu to the user, accepts their input, and calls the dispense method to handle the choice.
- o It uses a **while loop** to keep showing the menu and asking the user to select a drink until they enter 4, which acts as a sentinel value to stop the program.

3. Sentinel Value:

- The number 4 is used to quit the program. When the user enters 4, the loop ends, and the program stops displaying the menu.
- Until the user enters 4, the program will continue to show the vending machine menu.

4. Main Method:

o The main method simply calls the getMenu method to start the program.

Example Run:

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- 1. Coke
- 2. Sunkist
- 3. Sprite
- 4. Quit

Enter your choice (1-4): 1

You bought a coke

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- 1. Coke
- 2. Sunkist
- 3. Sprite
- 4. Quit

Enter your choice (1-4): 2

You bought a sunkist

Explanation:

• **Vending Machine Menu**: The program displays a simple menu offering three drinks (1. Coke, 2. Sunkist, 3. Sprite) and the option to quit (4. Quit).

• Selection Process:

- After each selection, the program either displays the purchased drink or tells the user that their selection is invalid if they input anything other than 1, 2, or 3.
- o The menu will keep reappearing until the user enters 4 to quit the program.
- **Input Validation**: The program will handle incorrect inputs by printing "Invalid Selection" if the user enters a number outside the range of 1-3.

Important Notes:

- 1. **Scanner**: The Scanner object is used to read input from the user. It must be closed using scanner.close() when done to avoid resource leaks.
- 2. **Loop and Sentinel**: The while loop continues running as long as the user does not input 4. This is known as a **sentinel-controlled loop**.
- 3. **Switch Statement**: The switch statement makes it easy to handle different choices based on user input.