SE116 - LAB#5

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Aim: Understanding constructors, overloaded methods, "this" reference, "has-a" relationship, static class members, "final" instance variables.

TO DO @ LAB:

1. Implement a program to hold the general information about cars. Your source codes should contain the following two classes: Car and Test.

The class Car will contain the following private data members to represent a car: int modelYear, String model, double topSpeed and double price. Remember to implement appropriate public set/get methods for these data members. Additionally, implement a method named printInfo to print out all data members.

Additionally, implement a default constructor (i.e., non-parameterized constructor) for the class Car. Keep in mind that the main objective of a constructor is to initialize the data members. In your program, your default constructor of class Car will initialize its data members with the following values:

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modelYear = 0
model = "Unknown"
topSpeed = 0.0
price = 0.0
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The class Test only deals with the method main. In main, define an array of 5 Car references. Do not forget that the array object initially holds no Car instances (i.e., the initial contents of the array are null). Therefore, you first need to construct 5 new Car instances and then need to make array contents refer to these instances. In order to see the effect of the Car constructor you implemented, directly call the method printinfo for each Car instantiated. After that, fill the information for each car instance using corresponding set methods and reprint out the information for each Car.

2. Modify your project implemented in Question#1 in the following manner:

In your project, implement the class Engine. This class will represent the engines of the cars. The class Engine will contain the following two private data members: double volume and int numberOfCylinders. Remember to add proper set/get methods and a default constructor (non-parameterized) as well.

Modify your class Car in order to use the "has-a" relationship between class Car and class Engine. The objective is to mention the following statement: A car "has-a" engine. In this manner, a reference of class Engine named eng (i.e., Engine eng;) will be a private data member of class Car. Do not forget to add required public set/get methods for this data member. Additionally, update printInfo to print out the engine data as well as the other information. Furthermore, modify the constructor of class Car to make the reference eng refer to a new Engine instance.

Modify your class Test in a way that it also deals with the data about engine. In main, use a final variable with the constant value 5 as the size of the array of Car references. After defining the array, construct the new Car instances to be referred by the array contents and fill all information (engine data included) for each car with the values to be read from the user. Finally, print out all information of each Car referred by the array elements.

TO DO @ HOME:

3. Modify your project implemented in Question#2 in the following manner:

Modify the class Engine by overloading the constructor method. In this manner, provide the class Engine with a non-parameterized and a parameterized constructor. The parameterized constructor should take 2 parameters to be assigned to corresponding volume and numberOfCylinders data members. By the way, use corresponding set methods to assign data.

Modify the class Car by overloading the constructor method. In this manner, provide the class Car with both non-parameterized and parameterized constructors. The parameterized constructor should take 5 parameters to be assigned to corresponding data members (i.e., modelYear, model, topSpeed, price and eng). By the way, use corresponding set methods to assign data.

Moreover, add the following private static data member into class Car: int carCounter. Its initial value is 0. The data member carCounter will count the number of Car objects to be constructed in the program. Therefore, you need to revise the definitions of the constructor methods accordingly. Additionally, define a public static get method to return the value of carCounter.

Modify the class Test in the following manner: In main, construct some instances from class Car using both non-parameterized and parameterized constructors. Design the program in such a way to reveal the objective of using a static data member. For example, once you construct a new Car instance, you would print out the value of carCounter.

Furthermore, in every constructor method of every class in your project, print out a sentence to inform that a new object from the corresponding class is being constructed. (In order to return the name of a class the following statement can be used: "getClass().getName(); ")

4. Modify your project implemented in Question#3 in the following manner:

Modify the class Test in the following manner: In main, use an ArrayList object to store Car references. Your program should permit its user to enter input data for new Car instances to be sequentially added into the ArrayList object. Your program may regularly keep on reading input data using a loop until the user enters "Quit" after a Car is inserted into the ArrayList object.