

**BUILD A CAR GIVEN ALL TASKS
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SET UP THE DATA STRUCTURE THAT
YOU PLAN TO USE TO STORE A
TASKS AND ITS DEPENDENCIES

DEPENDENCIES OF TASK "A" ARE
ALL TASKS WHICH SHOULD BE
COMPLETE BEFORE "A" CAN
EXECUTE

"PAINT A CAR" DEPENDS ON "BUILD
CHASSIS OF THE CAR", THE CHASSIS NEEDS
TO BE READY BEFORE IT CAN BE PAINTED

THE METHOD SHOULD TAKE IN A LIST
OF ALL TASKS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO
BUILD A CAR ALONG WITH THEIR
DEPENDENCIES AND EXECUTE EVERY
TASK IN ORDER TO BUILD THE CAR

THE TASKS ARE IN ANY ORDER, IT'S UP
TO YOU TO DETERMINE SOME ORDER
IN WHICH IT CAN BE EXECUTED

TASKS AND DEPENDENCIES

SAY THAT ALL THE TASKS NEEDED TO BUILD A CAR ARE:

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

LET'S SAY THE DEPENDENCIES ARE:

B DEPENDS ON A

D DEPENDS ON E

C DEPENDS ON A, B, D

F DEPENDS ON C

AN ACCEPTABLE ORDER OF PERFORMING THE TASKS ARE:

E->D->A->B->C->F

OR

A->E->B->D->C->F

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN'T
EXECUTE A TASK UNLESS IT'S
DEPENDENCIES HAVE
COMPLETED

STORE THE DEPENDENCIES
SUCH THAT THEY ARE EASILY
ACCESSIBLE FROM A TASK

RECURSIVELY EXECUTE THE
DEPENDENCIES TILL YOU GET
TO THE TASK

WHAT IS THE BASE CASE?

THE CURRENT TASK HAS BEEN EXECUTED, IT'S MARKED DONE

WHAT IS THE RECURSIVE CASE?

EXECUTE DEPENDENCIES BEFORE COMING TO THE CURRENT TASK

A SINGLE TASK

HOLDS A LIST OF DEPENDENCIES
OR THE TASKS WHICH HAVE TO
COME BEFORE THE CURRENT
TASK

```
public static class Task {
    private String id;
    private List<Task> dependencyList;
    private boolean done = false;

    public Task(String id, Task... dependencyArray) {
        this.id = id;
        dependencyList = new ArrayList<Task>();
        for (Task task : dependencyArray) {
            dependencyList.add(task);
        }
    }

    public void execute() {
        if (done) {
            return;
        }

        // Ensure all successors are done first, this task
        // cannot be executed without executing all it's
        // dependencies.
        for (Task task : dependencyList) {
            task.execute();
        }
        runTask();
    }

    private void runTask() {
        // Performs some operations.
        done = true;
        System.out.println("Completed task: " + id.toUpperCase());
    }
}
```

IF THE TASK IS DONE, JUST
RETURN

BEFORE EXECUTING THE CURRENT
TASK, RECURSIVELY CALL
EXECUTE ON ALL THE
DEPENDENCIES OF THIS TASK

SIMPLY MARK THE CURRENT
TASK AS DONE

BUILD A CAR

BUILD A CAR IS NOW VERY SIMPLE, ALL THE COMPLEXITY IS HIDDEN IN THE EXECUTE() METHOD OF THE TASK

```
public static void buildCar(List<Task> taskList) {  
    for (Task task : taskList) {  
        task.execute();  
    }  
}
```

JUST ITERATE THROUGH EVERY TASK AND CALL EXECUTE() ON IT

THERE MIGHT BE SOME TASKS, WHICH STAND ALONE, NOTHING DEPENDS ON THEM

THE TASKS AND IT'S
DEPENDENCIES FORM A
DIRECTED ACYCLIC GRAPH

THE GRAPH MAY NOT BE
FULLY CONNECTED, I.E.
CERTAIN TASKS STAND
COMPLETELY ALONE

WE HAVE TO VISIT EVERY TASK
TO EXECUTE IT, THE
COMPLEXITY IS $O(N)$, WHERE N
IS THE NUMBER OF TASKS