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ACTIVITY 4

Extending the Celebrity Class

At this point the Celebrity game is functional with a generic `Celebrity` class. While this is a perfectly valid implementation, it's also somewhat limited. Every celebrity that is created has the same attributes. But what if you wanted to create a more specific type of `Celebrity`? One that had additional attributes and behaviors apart from what all `Celebrity` objects have? By using inheritance to extend the `Celebrity` class, you can do just that.

With a partner, think about a subset or certain classification of celebrities that would have additional attributes or behaviors. If you were to incorporate a different type of celebrity into the Celebrity game, what kind of celebrity would you want to make?

1. Identify the attributes and behaviors that belong to this new type of celebrity that are separate from a "default" celebrity.

Class Name:

Attributes

Type

Behaviors

Return type

It's important to spend time on the design before implementation begins. This step cannot be overstated, as the use of inheritance in a program signifies a relationship between objects and has the goal of code reuse and sharing information.

Compare

Look at the supplied `LiteratureCelebrity` class. It has an `ArrayList<String>` for the clues that are associated with it. It also has a constructor with two parameters just like the `Celebrity` class. There is a method `processClues` that is called in

the constructor and the overridden `getClue` method that maintains the integrity of the original data (`clue`). There is another overridden method `toString` that uses the `super.getClue` method to access the original data from the `Celebrity` class `clue` variable as well. This is one of the benefits of using inheritance in a design, since superclass methods can easily be called and used in the subclass. All subclasses need to have a clear relationship to the superclass and should provide additional, separate functionality from the superclass to differentiate it from the superclass.

The `@Override` prefix is provided as a cue to other developers to formally express that you as a developer are changing what is done in this subclass. It's not a requirement in Java but is an accepted practice to provide good documentation.

Implement

In this activity, you will create the `Celebrity` subclass you designed earlier.

2. Create the Java file for your `Celebrity` subclass.
3. Define the instance variables for the `Celebrity` subclass.
4. Write the constructor for your class.
5. Override the `getClue` and/or the `getAnswer` method(s).

Tip

When overriding methods in a subclass, method signatures must be the same. This includes the number, type, and order of any parameters of the overridden method.

6. Override the `toString` method.
7. Write any other methods that your design has indicated will be required. Look over your design plan and make sure that you have implemented all required components. Check that your code compiles, making sure to test any methods you write.

Tip

Methods that exist in a superclass can be accessed within the subclass or with subclass objects. When a method is called on a subclass object, the method that is executed is determined during runtime and if the subclass does not contain the called method, the superclass method will automatically be executed. From within the subclass, if you would like to call the superclass version of an overridden method the keyword `super` must be used before the method call.

CelebrityGame Update

processGuess (String)

Looking at the method `processGuess` you can see that it only needs to interact with the `String` matching the name of the celebrity and that method `getAnswer` must have the same signature (without parameters) in all subclasses of `Celebrity`. This method is shown to illustrate that no code needs to be changed in order for it to work with the new subclass(es).

```
/**
 * Determines if the supplied guess is correct.
 *
 * @param guess - The supplied String
 * @return Whether it matches regardless of case or extraneous external
 *         spaces.
 */
public boolean processGuess(String guess)
{
    boolean matches = false;
    /**
     * Why use the .trim() method on the supplied String parameter? What
     * would need to be done to support a score?
     */
    if (guess.trim().equalsIgnoreCase(gameCelebrity.getAnswer()))
    {
        matches = true;
        celebGameList.remove(0);
        if (celebGameList.size() > 0)
        {
            gameCelebrity = celebGameList.get(0);
        }
    }
    return matches;
}
```

8. Modify the `addCelebrity` method. As you see, the parameter `type` is used to tell the `CelebrityGame` which kind of `Celebrity` to make. This `String` will be sent from the GUI to the game so that the appropriate subclass constructor can be called. The provided code shows how the method was updated to work with the `LiteratureCelebrity` subclass as an example. Add another conditional branch using `else if` to handle your new subclass.

Since all instances of any subclass of `Celebrity` are a `Celebrity`, each can be added to the `ArrayList<Celebrity> celebGameList` by polymorphism. No changes are needed to that part of the program.

Tip

In addition to parameters and local variables declared in a method, a method always has access to any instance variables that are declared within the enclosing class. These instance variables are often required to complete the goal of the method. If any of the available variables are objects (reference data), then those objects may have their own methods, variables, and constants that would be accessible within the given method as well.

```
/**
 * Adds a Celebrity of specified type to the game list
 *
 * @param name - The name of the celebrity
 * @param guess
 *             The clue(s) for the celebrity
 * @param type
 *             What type of celebrity
 */
public void addCelebrity(String name, String guess, String type)
{
    /*
     * How would you add other subclasses to this CelebrityGame?
     */
    Celebrity currentCelebrity;
    if (type.equals("Literature"))
    {
        currentCelebrity = new LiteratureCelebrity(name, guess);
    }
    else //Add an else if here
    {
        currentCelebrity = new Celebrity(name, guess);
    }
    this.celebGameList.add(currentCelebrity);
}
```

9. The `validateClue` and `validateCelebrity` methods may need to be updated for the subclass to check that the supplied `String` values match the requirements for the subclass. The provided code shows how the `validateClue` method was updated to work with the `LiteratureCelebrity` subclass as an example. Add another conditional branch using `else if` to handle your new subclass.

```
public boolean validateClue(String clue, String type)
{
    boolean validClue = false;
    if (clue.trim().length() >= 10)
    {
        validClue = true;
        if (type.equalsIgnoreCase("lit t erature"))
        {
            String[] temp = clue.split(",");
            if (temp.length > 1)
            {
                validClue = true;
            }
        }
        else
        {
            validClue = false;
        }
    }
    //You will need to add an else if condition here fo or your subclass
}
return validClue;
}
```

GUI Update

You'll need to add to the GUI class to support the new addition to the project. The framework for the project has been set so that **you only need to make changes to the `StartPanel` class**. Don't start this until you have completed your new `Celebrity` subclass.

Again, the `CelebrityFrame`, `StartPanel`, and `CelebrityPanel` classes have no knowledge of the `Celebrity` class hierarchy. They only understand `String` and `boolean` values (`JTextField` and `JRadioButton`).

The `StartPanel` class needs to be updated to allow for the selection and creation of multiple types of celebrities. The following instructions assume that all input can be parsed from the `clue` and `name` instance variables. If you want to add more instance variables then you'll need to define, initialize, and `setVisible` additional GUI components based on the selection of the associated `JRadioButton`. This is to make the GUI as easy to use with the least amount of configuration. **All of the following code should be added to the `StartPanel` class.**

10. Add `private String` and `JRadioButton` variables to the `StartPanel` class to match the custom subclass in the instance variable section. Throughout the instructions the placeholders `yourRadioButtonName` and `nameOfCelebrity` are used, however you should use more meaningful variable names for both of these when completing your implementation.

```
private JRadioButton yourRadioButtonName;  
private String nameOfCelebrity;
```

11. Initialize the `yourRadioButtonName` and `nameOfCelebrity` variables in the constructor after the call to `super`. As a practice, it's often a good idea to put variables of the same type together. This makes it easier to identify when other components are added.

```
yourRadioButtonName = new JRadioButton("Your Celebrity Type");  
nameOfCelebrity = "Your celebrity type clue format hint";
```

12. In the `setupPanel` method add the following lines. Remember to change `yourRadioButtonName` to match your variable name. This method is used to add the component to the `JPanel` and to be part of the `RadioButton` group.

```
this.add(yourRadioButtonName);  
typeGroup.add(yourRadioButtonName);
```

13. Change the `setLayout` method. This method is used to arrange all the components into the panel at the specified locations. The values are used to show the relationship between the different components. To help identify specific locations, look for the bolded words. Change the line

```
panelLayout.putConstraint(SpringLayout.NORTH, literatureRadio,  
    10, SpringLayout.SOUTH, celebrityRadio);
```

to be

```
panelLayout.putConstraint(SpringLayout.NORTH, literatureRadio,  
    10, SpringLayout.SOUTH, yourRadioButtonName);
```

and add the following lines below the line you just changed.

```
panelLayout.putConstraint(SpringLayout.WEST,  
    yourRadioButtonName, 0, SpringLayout.WEST, celebrityRadio);  
panelLayout.putConstraint(SpringLayout.NORTH,  
    yourRadioButtonName, 10, SpringLayout.SOUTH, celebrityRadio);
```

14. The `setupListeners` method is the method that links all the GUI components that allow user input to the `ActionListeners` to be processed by the program. In the radio button section of the `setupListeners` method, add this line:

```
yourRadioButtonName.addActionListener(select ->  
    clueLabel.setText(yourCelebrityClue));
```

15. In the `validate` method:

- › add an `else-if` after the literature section based on the `yourRadioButtonName.isSelected` result
- › Call the `validateClue` method in the `Celebrity` class, passing the associated values

16. In the `addToGame` method, add an `else-if` `yourRadioButtonName.isSelected` to provide the correct string to the type variable that is used in the `controller.addCelebrity(answer, clue, type)` call.

At this point you should execute the `CelebrityRunner` class to verify game functionality.

Check Your Understanding

17. How do we identify if a method is an overridden method?

18. How do we send information from the subclass to the superclass?

19. What keyword is used in Java to identify inheritance?

20. What method is executed when an `ArrayList` is made of the superclass but a subclass instance is stored in it?

E.g.

```
ArrayList<Animal> zooList = new ArrayList<Animal>();  
zooList.add(new Gryphon());  
Animal temp = zooList.get((int) Math.random() * zooList.size());  
temp.playSound();
```
