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Assignment #1 Command Line Interpreter

Purpose

An operating system interfaces with a user through a Command Line Interpreter (CLI). A CLI is a software module capable of interpreting textual commands coming either from the **user's keyboard** or from a **script file**. A CLI is often referred to as a shell.

Description

In this assignment, you will write a Command Line Interpreter (CLI) for your operating system. Your CLI should prompt the user to enter the input through the keyboard. After a sequence of characters is entered followed by a return, the string is parsed and the indicated command(s) executed. The user is then again prompted for another command.

Your program implements some built-in commands; the list of required commands is listed below. This means that your program must implement these commands directly by using the system calls that implement them. Do not use **exec** to implement any of these commands. The **exit** command is also a special case: it should simply cause termination of your program.

For this assignment, the following are essential features for your work:

- 1. Your CLI should be written in Java
- 2. Your application should contain 2 major classes (Parser, Terminal).

// Interface for parser

```
public class Parser{
String[] args; // Will be filled by arguments extracted by parse method
String cmd; // Will be filled by the command extracted by parse method
// Returns true if it was able to parse user input correctly. Otherwise
false
// In case of success, it should save the extracted command and
arguments
// to args and cmd variables
// It should also print error messages in case of too few arguments for
a commands
// eg. "cp requires 2 arguments"
public boolean parse(String input);
public String getCmd();
public String[] getArguments();
```

```
// Interface for Terminal
```

```
public class Terminal{
public void cp(String sourcePath, String destinationPath);
public void mv(String sourcePath, String destinationPath);
public void rm(String sourcePath);
public void pwd();
public void cat(String[] paths);
// Add any other required command in the same structure....
}
```

- 3. Your CLI should be written in **Java** and as a task function (CLI commands maybe written as functions or tasks).
- 4. All commands and parameters should be entered from the keyboard and **parsed** by your program, **verified**, and then **executed**. If the user enters wrong command or bad parameters the program should print some error messages. For example, if the user writes **mkdir**, the program should response by an error message as the command **mkdir** should have one parameter.
- 5. Your program should handle different parameters for each command. For example, if the user writes **cd C:**/ then the program should change to directory **C:**/ in case of the current directory is **D:**/. On the other hand, if the user writes **cd** only then the program should change to default directory (defined in your program) which may be **D:**/
- 6. You should implement the following commands: cd, ls, cp, mv, rm, mkdir, rmdir, and cat.

Note: for the **cat** command, you only need to implement the case of one parameter; you are not required to implement the case of two parameters. For the **mv** command you are not required to implement the option part such: "**rm** – r folderName".

Submission Guidelines:

- 1. This assignment is delivered in group of three from the same group.
- 2. Deadline is 21 March 2020.

Grading Criteria	
Following Parser, Terminal Structure	5
Handling short paths and full paths	5
ls command	5
cp command	5
cat command	5
mkdir command	5
rmdir command	5
mv command	5
rm command	5
cd command	5