Problem Statement

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Write an application that will build a word concordance of a document. The output from the application is an alphabetical list of all words in the given document and the number of times they occur in the document. The documents are a text file (contents of the file are an ASCII characters) and the output of the program is saved as an ASCII file also.

Overall Plan

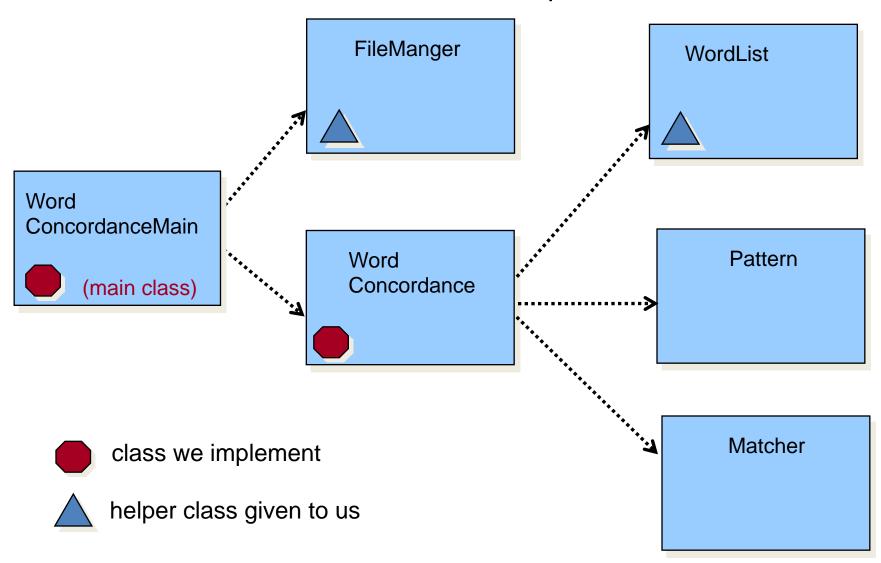
Tasks expressed in pseudocode:

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while ( the user wants to process
     another file
Task 1: read the file;
Task 2: build the word list;
Task 3: save the word list to a file;
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Design Document

Class	Purpose
WordConcordanceMain	The instantiable main class of the program that implements the top-level program control.
WordConcordance	The key class of the program. An instance of this class managers other objects to build the word list.
FileManager	A helper class for opening a file and saving the result to a file
WordList	Another helper class for maintaining a word list.
Pattern/Matcher	Classes for pattern matching operations.

Class Relationships



Development Steps

We will develop this program in four steps:

- 1. Start with a program skeleton. Define the main class with data members. Begin with a rudimentary WordConcordance class.
- 2. Add code to open a file and save the result. Extend the existing classes as necessary.
- 3. Complete the implemention of the WordConcordance class.
- 4. Finalize the code by removing temporary statements and tying up loose ends.

Step 1 Design

- Define the skeleton main class
- Define the skeleton WordConcordance class that has only an empty zero-argument constructor

Step 1 Code

Program source file is too big to list here. From now on, we ask you to view the source files using your Java IDE.

Directory: chapter07/step1

Source Files: WordConcordanceMain.java

WordConcordance.java

Step 1 Test

 The purpose of Step 1 testing is to verify that the constructor is executed correctly and the repetition control in the start method works as expected.

Step 2 Design

- Design and implement the code to open and save a file
- The actual tasks are done by the FileManager class, so our objective in this step is to find out the correct usage of the FileManager helper class.
- The FileManager class has two key methods: openFile and saveFile.

Step 2 Code

Directory: chapter07/step2

Source Files: WordConcordanceMain.java

WordConcordance.java

Step 2 Test

- The Step2 directory contains several sample input files. We will open them and verify the file contents are read correctly by checking the temporary echo print output to System.out.
- To verify the output routine, we save to the output (the temporary output created by the build method of WordConcordance) and verify its content.
- Since the output is a textfile, we can use any word processor or text editor to view its contents.

Step 3 Design

- Complete the build method of Ch9WordConcordance class.
- We will use the second helper class WordList here, so we need to find out the details of this helper class.
- The key method of the WordList class is the add method that inserts a given word into a word list.

Step 3 Code

Directory: chapter07/step3

Source Files: WordConcordanceMain.java

WordConcordance.java

Step 3 Test

- We run the program against varying types of input textfiles.
 - We can use a long document such as the term paper for the last term's economy class (don't forget to save it as a textfile before testing).
 - We should also use some specially created files for testing purposes. One file may contain one word repeated 7 times, for example. Another file may contain no words at all.

Step 4: Finalize

- Possible Extensions
 - One is an integrated user interface where the end user can view both the input document files and the output word list files.
 - Another is the generation of different types of list. In the sample development, we count the number of occurences of each word. Instead, we can generate a list of positions where each word appears in the document.