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6.092 Assignment 7: Modeling a Social Network

Your assignment is to use your current knowledge about Java, OOP, and Software Design to model certain aspects of a simple Social Network. These specifications are intentionally loose in order to give you creative freedom and to test your problem-solving skills.

Part 1: SocialEntity Interface

The SocialEntity is the basic model for anyone or anything in the social network. Every SocialEntity has a name (String) and a unique ID (long) that can be accessed only through its getName() and getId() methods. Note that fields in interfaces are automatically final and methods are automatically abstract!

Part 2: Subclasses of SocialEntity

Types of SocialEntitys:

- Person has acquaintances: a list of Person, networks: a list of Network, and a location: String
- Network members: a list of Person
- Band fans: a list of Person, description: String, location: String

Write the appropriate constructors and methods for each class. Be mindful of how and when you initialize or assign each class its fields.

Part 3: YourFace Class

The YourFace class is our entryway into the social network. That is, it should have a main method, which should create seven Persons (each with three acquaintances and any number of Networks), two Network (each with one or more member), and two Bands with any number of fans. After creating and populating your social network, you should print all the information about each Person in the network.

Remember to use encapsulation techniques, follow other OOP principles mentioned in lecture, and add comments where the code is doing something that isn't obvious! Email any questions to the staff, and submit your solution on Stellar as usual. Remember to include all your Java files!