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3. The `StringChecker` interface describes classes that check if strings are valid, according to some criterion.

```
public interface StringChecker
{
    /** Returns true if str is valid. */
    boolean isValid(String str);
}
```

A `CodeWordChecker` is a `StringChecker`. A `CodeWordChecker` object can be constructed with three parameters: two integers and a string. The first two parameters specify the minimum and maximum code word lengths, respectively, and the third parameter specifies a string that must not occur in the code word. A `CodeWordChecker` object can also be constructed with a single parameter that specifies a string that must not occur in the code word; in this case the minimum and maximum lengths will default to 6 and 20, respectively.

The following examples illustrate the behavior of `CodeWordChecker` objects.

### Example 1

```
StringChecker sc1 = new CodeWordChecker(5, 8, "$");
```

Valid code words have 5 to 8 characters and must not include the string "\$".

Method call	Return value	Explanation
<code>sc1.isValid("happy")</code>	true	The code word is valid.
<code>sc1.isValid("happy\$")</code>	false	The code word contains "\$".
<code>sc1.isValid("Code")</code>	false	The code word is too short.
<code>sc1.isValid("happyCode")</code>	false	The code word is too long.

### Example 2

```
StringChecker sc2 = new CodeWordChecker("pass");
```

Valid code words must not include the string "pass". Because the bounds are not specified, the length bounds are 6 and 20, inclusive.

Method call	Return value	Explanation
<code>sc2.isValid("MyPass")</code>	true	The code word is valid.
<code>sc2.isValid("Mypassport")</code>	false	The code word contains "pass".
<code>sc2.isValid("happy")</code>	false	The code word is too short.
<code>sc2.isValid("1,000,000,000,000,000")</code>	false	The code word is too long.

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Write the complete `CodeWordChecker` class. Your implementation must meet all specifications and conform to all examples.

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4. This question involves reasoning about arrays of integers. You will write two static methods, both of which are in a class named `ArrayTester`.

```
public class ArrayTester
{
    /**
     * Returns an array containing the elements of column c of arr2D in the same order as
     * they appear in arr2D.
     * Precondition: c is a valid column index in arr2D.
     * Postcondition: arr2D is unchanged.
     */
    public static int[] getColumn(int[][] arr2D, int c)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /**
     * Returns true if and only if every value in arr1 appears in arr2.
     * Precondition: arr1 and arr2 have the same length.
     * Postcondition: arr1 and arr2 are unchanged.
     */
    public static boolean hasAllValues(int[] arr1, int[] arr2)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /**
     * Returns true if arr contains any duplicate values;
     * false otherwise.
     */
    public static boolean containsDuplicates(int[] arr)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /**
     * Returns true if square is a Latin square as described in part (b);
     * false otherwise.
     * Precondition: square has an equal number of rows and columns.
     * square has at least one row.
     */
    public static boolean isLatin(int[][] square)
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }
}
```

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**Question 3: Code Word Checker**

<b>Class:</b>	CodeWordChecker	<b>9 points</b>
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**Intent:** Define implementation of a class to determine if a string meets a set of criteria

- +1 Declares header: public class CodeWordChecker implements StringChecker
- +1 Declares all appropriate private instance variables
- +3 Constructors
  - +1 Declares headers: public CodeWordChecker(int \_\_, int \_\_, String \_\_) and public CodeWordChecker(String \_\_)
  - +1 Uses all parameters to initialize instance variables in 3-parameter constructor
  - +1 Uses parameter and default values to initialize instance variables in 1-parameter constructor
- +4 isValid method
  - +1 Declares header: public boolean isValid(String \_\_)
  - +1 Checks for length between min and max inclusive
  - +1 Checks for unwanted string
  - +1 Returns true if length is between min and max and does not contain the unwanted string, false otherwise

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**Question 3: Scoring Notes**

<b>Class</b> CodeWordChecker		<b>9 points</b>	
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Declares header: public class CodeWordChecker implements StringChecker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare class private</li> <li>declare class static</li> </ul>
+1	Declares all appropriate private instance variables		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare variables as static</li> <li>omit keyword private</li> <li>declare variables outside the class</li> </ul>
+3	<b>Constructors</b>		
+1	Declares headers: public CodeWordChecker (int __, int __, String __) and public CodeWordChecker (String __)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare method static</li> <li>declare method private</li> </ul>
+1	Uses all parameters to initialize instance variables in 3- parameter constructor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to declare instance variables</li> <li>initialize local variables instead of instance variables</li> <li>assign variables to parameters</li> </ul>
+1	Uses parameter and default values to initialize instance variables in 1- parameter constructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize instance variables to default values when declared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to declare instance variables</li> <li>initialize local variables instead of instance variables</li> <li>assign variables to parameters</li> </ul>
+4	<b>isValid method</b>		
+1	Declares header: public boolean isValid (String __)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to declare method public</li> <li>declare method static</li> </ul>
+1	Checks for length between min and max inclusive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to use instance variables</li> <li>fail to declare the method header</li> </ul>
+1	Checks for unwanted string		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to use instance variables</li> <li>fail to declare the method header</li> </ul>
+1	Returns true if length is between min and max and does not contain the unwanted string, false otherwise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have incorrect checks for length and/or containment, but return the correct value based on those checks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to declare the method header</li> <li>fail to return in all cases</li> <li>only check one substring location for containment</li> </ul>

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## **Question 3: Code Word Checker**

```
public class CodeWordChecker implements StringChecker
{
    private int minLength;
    private int maxLength;
    private String notAllowed;

    public CodeWordChecker(int minLen, int maxLen, String symbol)
    {
        minLength = minLen;
        maxLength = maxLen;
        notAllowed = symbol;
    }

    public CodeWordChecker(String symbol)
    {
        minLength = 6;
        maxLength = 20;
        notAllowed = symbol;
    }

    public boolean isValid(String str)
    {
        return str.length() >= minLength && str.length() <= maxLength &&
               str.indexOf(notAllowed) == -1;
    }
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.