

## 2008 AP® COMPUTER SCIENCE A FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

4. A *checker* is an object that examines strings and *accepts* those strings that meet a particular criterion.

The Checker interface is defined below.

```
public interface Checker
{
    /**
     * @param text a string to consider for acceptance
     * @return true if this Checker accepts text; false otherwise
     */
    boolean accept(String text);
}
```

In this question, you will write two classes that implement the Checker interface. You will then create a Checker object that checks for a particular acceptance criterion.

- (a) A SubstringChecker accepts any string that contains a particular substring. For example, the following SubstringChecker object broccoliChecker accepts all strings containing the substring "broccoli".

```
Checker broccoliChecker = new SubstringChecker("broccoli");
```

The following table illustrates the results of several calls to the broccoliChecker accept method.

Method Call	Result
broccoliChecker.accept("broccoli")	true
broccoliChecker.accept("I like broccoli")	true
broccoliChecker.accept("carrots are great")	false
broccoliChecker.accept("Broccoli Bonanza")	false

Write the SubstringChecker class that implements the Checker interface. The constructor should take a single String parameter that represents the particular substring to be matched.

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- (b) Checkers can be created to check for multiple acceptance criteria by combining other checker objects. For example, an `AndChecker` is a `Checker` that is constructed with two objects of classes that implement the `Checker` interface (such as `SubstringChecker` or `AndChecker` objects). The `AndChecker` `accept` method returns `true` if and only if the string is accepted by both of the `Checker` objects with which it was constructed.

In the code segment below, the `bothChecker` object accepts all strings containing both "beets" and "carrots". The code segment also shows how the `veggies` object can be constructed to accept all strings containing the three substrings "beets", "carrots", and "artichokes".

```
Checker bChecker = new SubstringChecker("beets");
Checker cChecker = new SubstringChecker("carrots");
Checker bothChecker = new AndChecker(bChecker, cChecker);

Checker aChecker = new SubstringChecker("artichokes");
Checker veggies = new AndChecker(bothChecker, aChecker);
```

The following table illustrates the results of several calls to the `bothChecker` `accept` method and the `veggies` `accept` method.

Method Call	Result
<code>bothChecker.accept("I love beets and carrots")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>bothChecker.accept("beets are great")</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>veggies.accept("artichokes, beets, and carrots")</code>	<code>true</code>

Write the `AndChecker` class that implements the `Checker` interface. The constructor should take two `Checker` parameters.

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**Question 4: Checker Objects (Design)**

<b>Part A:</b>	SubstringChecker	<b>4 points</b>
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- +1/2 class SubstringChecker implements Checker
- +1/2 declare private instance variable of type String
- +1 constructor
  - +1/2 SubstringChecker(String *goalString*)
  - +1/2 initialize instance variable to parameter
- +2 accept method
  - +1/2 public boolean accept(String *text*)
  - +1 1/2 determine whether to accept
    - +1/2 attempt to find instance variable in *text*  
(either call indexOf, contains, or compare with substrings)
    - +1 return correct boolean value in all cases

<b>Part B:</b>	AndChecker	<b>4 points</b>
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- +1/2 class AndChecker implements Checker
- +1/2 declare private instance variable(s) capable of storing two Checker objects
- +1 constructor
  - +1/2 AndChecker(Checker *c1*, Checker *c2*)
  - +1/2 initialize instance variable(s) to parameters
- +2 accept method
  - +1/2 public boolean accept(String *text*)
  - +1 1/2 determine whether to accept
    - +1/2 attempt to call accept(*text*) on both stored Checkers
    - +1 return correct boolean value in all cases

<b>Part C:</b>	yummyChecker	<b>1 point</b>
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- +1 correctly assign yummyChecker