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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
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("broccoli")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("I like broccoli")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("carrots are great")</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("Broccoli Bonanza")</code>	<code>false</code>

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)

Part A:	SubstringChecker	4 points
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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

Part B:	AndChecker	4 points
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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

Part C:	yummyChecker	1 point
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- +1 correctly assign `yummyChecker`