

First and foremost, thank you for your consideration and giving me this opportunity!

1. How to build and run this application
 - a) Download from <https://github.com/bigzj/VendingMachine> or unzip the zip file to any folder
 - b) Use Eclipse or any IDE to “import existing Maven project”, or build from command line using Maven
 - c) Run Unit Test from org.icann.vendingmachine.test.VendingMachineTest
2. High Level Design
 - a) **Simplicity is given priority over using of various patterns, hierarchies, etc**
 - b) Core Java libraries are the only dependencies of the main application; whereas JUnit4 is used for Unit Testing.
 - c) com.icann.vendingmachine – the main package of the application
 - i. VendingMachine – the main class of the application
 - d) com.icann.vendingmachine.model – the data models
 - i. Product – Enumeration, contains all products that the machine sells.
 - ii. Coin – Enumeration, contains all the coin types that the machine takes
 - iii. ProductAndChange, encapsulates the return of the confirmPurchase() method, contains the product that the user selected and changes of the coins if any
 - e) com.icann.vendingmachine.exception – the business exceptions
 - i. NoInventoryException – thrown from the selectProduct() method if the product selected has no inventory
 - ii. NoExactChangeException – thrown from the completePurchase() method if no exact change can be returned from the current coins that the machine has
 - iii. NotFullyPaidException – thrown from the completePurchase() method if the tenderedAmount is less than the price of the selected product
3. Low Level Design
 - a) Initialization – products and coins should be provided when creating the vending machine. Null values are accepted though, in that case, a vending machine with no product and/or coin will be created
 - b) Enumeration is used for product and coin, so we do not have to do validation of them all over the place
 - c) **Class diagram is on the next page**
4. Assumptions
 - a) No database is required; there is no mention of persistence in the requirement. To simplify the build / test process, I decided to not use a database. But a persistence layer can be easily added later
 - b) It is a single threaded application, only one user will use the machine at a time, same as real world case
 - c) If the previous user did not complete the purchase and left, e.g. inserted some coins and then left, the current user will be able to use the previously inserted coins; same as real world case
5. Unit Testing
 - a) JUnit4 is used to perform the unit testing and it is the only dependency of the application besides core Java libraries
 - b) All the public methods in the VendingMachine class are tested, including alternative flows (exceptional cases)
 - c) The sequence of the 9 tests are important, so FixMethodOrder by the method name is used

Once again, thank you for your time and consideration!

