bcf

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Introduction



What is bcf¶

bcf is a Command Management tool suitable for use in Bukkit/Spigot/PaperMC and Bungeecord, though it may support other platforms in the near future.

It allows one to easily provide full command completion for all your commands as well as automatically resolve and marshal input from the user so your command gets the data it is expecting to get. For example if your command is expecting a player name then available players will be provided during command completion and your command method will receive the actual player object, or the command sender will receive an error explaining what the error is.

This library is inspired by aikar's Annotation Command Framework (ACF) (https://github.com/aikar/commands) which used before I decided on the crazy idea of writing my own to support some extra features I felt I desperately needed for some reason. The name bcf is used in recognition of that.

Features¶

• Define your commands by simply extending a BaseCommand derived class (like BukkitCommand) and annotating it with a @Command to define it, with any aliases separated by a |.

```
@Command("mycmd|my|m")
public class myCommand extends BukkitCommand {
...
}
```

All of /mycmd, /my, /m are valid commands with the latter 2 designated as aliases.

• Annotate your method with @Arg to define what arguments it is expecting. This is a string of arguments that may consume 0 or more words from a users input both to provide command completion as well as to fully resolve and pass objects to the method.

```
@Arg("give|g @player(required=true, default=%self, mode=online)")
public void onGive(CommandSender sender, Player player) {
    ...
}
```

• Multiple annotations can be used and each will be checked in turn.

```
@Arg("give|g @player(required=true, default=%self, mode=online)")
  @Arg("sudo give @player(required=true, default=%self, mode=online)")
  public void onGive(CommandSender sender, Player player) {
    ...
}
```

 Nearly all annotations can be added to your class to apply to all methods (and child classes).

```
@Command("do")
@Arg("for @player(required=true, mode=offline)")
class MyCommand extends BukkitCommand {

    @Arg("tpto @world")
    public void doThis(CommandSender, Player player, World world) {
        ...
    }
}
To reach doThis the command is: /do for <playername> tpto <worldname>
```

 Your class can extend another command class to inherit any of its settings. For example a 3rd party plugin could extend your command class to add sub-commands under your own.

```
Example
```

```
@Arg("sudo")
class MySubCommand extends MyCommand {
    @Arg("kill")
    public void killPlayer(CommandSender, Player player) {
        ...
    }
}
```

To execute killPlayer the full command now is: /do for <playername> sudo kill

- Create command aliases by adding a @Command annotation to a derived class. This allows shortcut commands to jump straight to a class. For example instead of /command view playername you can have /cv playername as an alias
- When a command needs to send an error (for example a parameter is not valid) the class will look for a method annotated with @Error. If it fails to find one it will check all its parent classes until it reaches the default. This allows you to override how errors are handled.

Will show error in green when it occurs under the sudo subcommand otherwise will show the default red.

• When no command is reached a method annotated with @Default is looked for to handle things. If no method is found then every parent class is checked until it reaches the default which outputs "Invalid Command". This can be used to provide more help.

```
}
```

Will show "A totally unhelpful message" if no method is matched in this class (or its children), otherwise it will show the default message.

Add permission requirements by annotating your class or methods with @Permission.
 The command sender must either be console or have at least one of the permissions at each level to proceed otherwise both command completion and execution will be ignored as if the arguments did not exist.

Example

```
@Permission("mycmd.admin")
@Permission("mycmd.command.sudo")
@Arg("sudo")
class MySubCommand extends MyCommand {

    @Permission("mycmd.admin")
    @Arg("kill")
    public void killPlayer(CommandSender, Player player) {
        ...
    }

    @Arg("tickle")
    public void ticklePlayer(CommandSender, Player player) {
        ...
    }

    ...
}
```

The command sender neds to have mycmd.admin to be able to use either the kill or tickle subcommands. They need either mycmd.admin or mycmd.command.sudo to access the tickle command. Classes extending this one will respect the Permissons on their parent class.

• Support both required and optional positional parameters. A required parameter must either have a default or must have valid input provided. Optional parameters with no default and no input will be set to null.

Example

```
@Arg("cmd1 @player(required=false)")
public void cmd1(CommandSender, Player player) {
    ...
}

@Arg("cmd2 @player(required=true, default=%self, mode=offline)")
public void cmd2(CommandSender, OfflinePlayer player) {
```

```
}
```

cmd1 does not require a player which will resolve to null if no input provided. cmd2 requires a player name but if none is provided then the value %self is provided which will resolve to the command sender if they are a player or return an error if not.

• As well as supporting positional parameters we support named parameters called switches. To pass a switch the command sender uses -<switchname> <value(s)> and full command completion is provided. A switch becomes available in the chain of arguments once it is reached and it can have multiple aliases. A non required switch with no default value will be resolved to null. A required switch must be resolved by input sometime after the point it is defined otherwise the command will be rejected. Designating a switch parameter means it is no longer treated as positional.

Quickstart¶

1. Add the following Maven repository to your pom.xml

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3. Shade the library into your own code by adding in your pom.xml

```
<build>
   <plugins>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>3.2.3
           <executions>
               <execution>
                   <phase>package</phase>
                   <qoals>
                      <goal>shade</goal>
                   </goals>
               </execution>
           </executions>
           <configuration>
               <relocations>
                   <relocation>
                       <pattern>au.com.grieve.bcf</pattern>
                       <shadedPattern>${project.groupId}.${proj
                   </relocation>
               </relocations>
           </configuration>
       </plugin>
   </plugins>
</build>
```

4. Create a command class that extends BukkitCommand

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
    @Arg("list")
    public void doList(CommandSender sender) {
```

5. Create a new CommandManager in your plugin, passing your plugin as a parameter and register your commandclass.

```
// Setup Command Manager
bcf = new BukkitCommandManager(this);

// Register Commands
bcf.registerCommand(MainCommand.class);
```

6. You should now be able to use /mycmd list in-game.

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How it works

Example¶

When someone is typing a command or executing it we can see it as being a list of words. Lets look at the following fictional command:

```
1 /sudo tp notch ~ ~25 ~ -world nether
```

The command can be viewed as a list of words and can be broken down into:

- sudo The main command itself
- tp A sub-command
- notch A players name
- ~ ~25 ~ a Location
- -world nether a named parameter defining the world

We call the full command string the input.

We could define our class as follows to handle this particular command (ignore the @Arg for the moment)

This shows the following interesting things:

- 1. The parameters the method receives are fully resolved objects and not just the input strings. This means the method does not have to deal with all the complexity of providing command completion nor need to perform any validation. If a command is not valid then it won't reach the method and may instead match another more specific method or it will raise an error.
- sudo and tp are not passed to the method and are only interesting so far as part of deciding which method to call.

- There is an extra parameter to the method sender which represents the command 3. sender (player or console)
- 4. The argument player consumes a single word from the input, notch, and returns a Player object representing an online player.
- 5. The argument location consumes 3 words from the input, \sim ~25 \sim , and returns a Location object
- 6. The argument world is special as it is designated as a switch in the @Arg and thus is a named parameter. A named parameter can appear anywhere in the input as long as it comes at or after the point it is defined (in @Arg its defined right after tp) and if the input contains its name prefixed with a -. So this parameter consumes -world nether and will return a World object.

What happens whilst someone is entering the command?

- 1. After typing / sudo an auto-complete of tp will show.
- 2. After entering tp an auto-complete list of online players is shown and is filtered as the player types. A -world is also shown as an option when there is no partial player name entered.
- 3. After filling in the player name, if it is valid, a location autocomplete will show using the players existing position if needed. A -world is also shown as an option when there is no partial location entered.
- 4. After filling in the location, if it is valid, a -world is shown. The player can choose to hit enter to not fill it in (as its not a required parameter) or they can type -world in which case a list of worlds are provided as part of the auto-complete. Note that they could have entered this in at any time after entering tp.

Parsers¶

The magic happens through the use of a Parser that understands both how to consume 0 or more words from the input into a fully resolved object but also how to auto-complete partial inputs.

The annotation @Arg defines a chain of parsers to be used when consuming input. Only once all the required parsers are consumed will a method be invoked.

A parser is typically defined by adding an @ and its name to the @Arg string, and each additional parser is separated by a space.

There is one special parser of note called the LiteralParser and it does not start with an @. You will note in the example above we have tp in arg. This is a LiteralParser and it will consume its own name from the input without passing anything to the method. A

LiteralParser can also provide multiple aliases by separating each alias with a |. So in our example above we could have defined the sub-command as teleport|tp. In this case it would accept either as input and will show both during autocomplete.

A parser can have parameters that define its behaviour. These are passed by adding a list of value=key pairs after the parser name inside (and) brackets. In the example above @world and @player both have defined parameters whereas the @location parser does not.

Many parsers will have common parameters. For example all parsers have a required boolean to determine if it is a required argument. They also all have a default which is provided when no input is provided for that parser.

A special parameter called switch is used on the @world parser. This turns the @world into a named parameter instead of a positional parameter which means it can be provided in the input anywhere after it is defined as long as the input contains the special sequence - followed by any of the names defined in the switch. For @world only a single name was given so entering - world would then trigger that parser to consume the next input(s). Multiple aliases can be defined by separating each alias with a |. An example would be @world(switch=world|w) and would allow either -w or -world.

Some parsers have unique parameters. For example the @player parser used in the example has a mode parameter that defines if the player should currently be online or can be any player (offline). This affects what is shown in auto-complete as well as if the input is valid.

A Parser will typically consume 1 word from the input but it is possible for a Parser to consume no words as it may rely on data from a previous Parser or on something entirely unrelated to input, and as in the case of the @location parser in the example it can consume multiple words from the input.

Finally a BukkitCommand derived class will always provide a CommandSender parameter as a method's first parameter. This will be either the console or the player who is executing the command.

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Annotations

In Java an annotation is something that can be added onto a Class, Method, Variable or even a

method parameter.

Most annotations we use can be added to the Class itself, the Method, or both and they are called its Target. Generally an annotation on a class will affect all the methods inside the class

as well as any in any derived classes.

Most annotation can also be used multiple times. For example you can add @Arg more than one to the same method and when completing/executing a command each @Arg will be checked in

turn. Each annotation has its own rules to define what multiples of itself does.

Common¶

These annotations are available for all execution environments.

@Arg¶

Target: Class, Method

Value: String

Multiple: allowed

Provides a list of Parsers that will consume input and can provide command completions for partial input. Each parser starts with an @ prefixed to its name along with optional parameters defined inside braces after the parser definition. Any bare strings are treated with as LiteralParser and will accept its own name(s) without providing any output to the invoked

method.

If a command is executed then the winning @Arg will then invoke the method with fully resolved

objects, each parser consuming the input and optionally returning an object to be provided as a

parameter to the method.

When consuming input, the @Arg on a class (if any) will first process the input, with the remaining input then going to any defined on its Methods. Any Classes that extend the class will

also receive the remaining input in which case they go through the same steps.

Multiple @Arg will be checked in turn and can be thought of as multiple choices.

More details about Parsers will be provided in Parsers

Example

This shows two classes, one extending the other, and multiple @Arg at several points.

The following are all valid commands:

/mycmd cmd1/mycmd sub1 cmd2/mycmd sub1 cmd3/mycmd sub2 cmd2/mycmd sub2 cmd3

@Command¶

Target: Class

Value: String

Multiple: allowed

Defines a top level command and if possible will be registered with the execution environment. Aliases to the same command can be added by separating the value with |. This can be used to create top-level commands that jump straight to a deeply nested sub command.

Multiple @Commands will register multiple top level commands.

@Command("mycmd|mc") class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand { @Arg("cmd1") public void cmd1(CommandSender sender) { ... }

```
@Command("qc")
class SubCommand extends MainCommand {
    @Arg("cmd3")
    public void cmd2(CommandSender sender) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Here 2 top level commands are registered. /mycmd and /qc. An alias /mc is also available for /mycmd.

Valid commands are:

- •/mycmd cmd1
- •/mc cmd1
- •/mycmd cmd3
- •/qc cmd3

@Default¶

Target: Method

Value: None

Multiple: not allowed

Signifies what method to call when needing to invoke a Default method for a Class and any of its child classes (unless overridden in that class with its own @Default)

When processing input if we do not find any winning method for a class then a Default method will be executed. If none are found in a class then its parent class will be searched until it ends up with the built in Default that shows a "Invalid Command" message.

This can be used to provide help for unknown commands or can be used to redefine what is shown on no match.

The method must not take any additional parameters apart from those provided by default.

When attempting to execute the invalid command: /mycmd sub unknown a message "Sub Help" in red will be shown

When attempting to execute the invalid command: /mycmd unknown a message "Some help" in yellow will be shown.

@Error¶

Target: Method

Value: None

Multiple: not allowed

Signifies what method to call when needing to invoke an Error method for any errors in a Class and any of its child classes (unless overridden in that class with its own @Error)

When processing input if an error is encountered it will be passed to a Error method. If none are found in a class then its parent will be searched until it ends with the built in Error that will show the error in red.

This can be used to customize how errors are handled.

The method must take a string argument containing the error message.

@Command("mycmd") class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand { @Arg("cmd1 @int(max=3)") public void cmd1(CommandSender sender) { ...

```
}
    public void onError(CommandSender sender, String message) {
        sender.spigot().sendMessage(
                new ComponentBuilder(message).color(ChatColor.YELLOW).create()
        );
    }
}
@Arg("sub")
class SubCommand extends MainCommand {
    @Arg("cmd2 @int(max=3)")
    public void cmd2(CommandSender sender) {
    }
    @Error
    public void onError(CommandSender sender, String message) {
        sender.spigot().sendMessage(
                new ComponentBuilder(message).color(ChatColor.GREEN).create()
        );
    }
}
```

When attempting to execute the command: /mycmd sub cmd2 10 an error message "Number must be smaller or equal to 3" will be shown in green.

When attempting to execute the invalid command: /mycmd cmd1 10 a message "Number must be smaller or equal to 3" in yellow will be shown.

Bukkit¶

These annotations are available for Bukkit environments.

@Permission¶

Target: Class, Method

Value: String

Multiple: allowed

Provides the permissions the command sender must have for a class or method to be considered.

When multiple @Permission is found on the same Target then it will accept any of those permissions. This can be thought of as an OR condition.

Example

```
@Command("mycmd")
class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
   @Arg("cmd1")
    public void cmd1(CommandSender sender) {
    }
    @Permission("mycmd.perm1")
    @Arg("cmd2")
        public void cmd1(CommandSender sender) {
        }
}
@Permission("mycmd.perm1")
@Permission("mycmd.perm2")
class SubCommand extends MainCommand {
    @Arg("cmd3")
    public void cmd2(CommandSender sender) {
    }
   @Arg("cmd4")
    @Permission("mycmd.perm2")
    public void cmd2(CommandSender sender) {
       . . .
   }
}
```

A user with mycmd.perm1 will be able to access the following commands:

- •/mycmd cmd1
- •/mycmd cmd2
- •/mycmd cmd3

A user with mycmd.perm2 will be able to access the followinig commands:

- •/mycmd cmd1
- •/mycmd cmd3
- •/mycmd cmd4

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Parsers

A Parser is something with a name that can consume 0 or more words from the input and can produce 0 or 1 objects to be passed as a parameter to a method. It can also use partial input to provide command completion.

Parsers are provided in a space separated @Arg annotation string to the Class and/or Method.

The format of the parser definition in the @Arg string is:

```
1  @parsername(key=value, ...) @nextparser...
```

Where:

- @parsername the name of the parser to user. If it does not start with @ then it will be treated as a Literal Parser.
- (key=value, ...) optional parameters can be passed to the parser to define its behaviour. If no parameters are required then the braces can be left off as well.

Common¶

These parsers are available for all execution environments

Common Parameters¶

There are some parameters that are common to most Parsers and will be listed here.

default¶

Provide a default value if none is provided through input. Note that any input at all will stop the default being provided and invalid input will correctly show an error.

@Command("mycmd") public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand { @Arg("cmd1 @int(default=3)") public void myCmd1(CommandSender sender, Integer myNum) { ... } }

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The command /mycmd cmd1 will provide 3 to myNum variable.

The command /mycmd cmd1 10 will provide 10 to myNum variable.

The command /mycmd cmd1 aaa will display the error "Invalid Number: a"

required¶

If set to true will require a value to be provided either through input or through a default parameter.

If set to false (default) then missing input without a default will return a null object to the method.

Example

The command /mycmd cmd1 will succeed and provide 3 for variable myNum

The command /mycmd cmd2 will show an error "A number is required"

The command /mycmd cmd3 will succeed and provide null for variable myNum

suppress¶

If set to true then this parser will not return any object to a method but otherwise will behave the same

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
```

The command /mycmd cmd1 5 will execute the method with no additional parameters.

The command /mycmd cmd1 will return a required parameter error due to the required=true parameter.

switch¶

The presence of this parameter will make a Parser into a named parameter instead of a positional one. It lists the name(s) of the switch separated by a |.

From the point it is defined it will consume input only if the input has a - with one of the names provided in which case the next word(s) of the input will go towards this parser. The returned object will be provided to the method in the order it is defined in the @Arg string.

Full command completion is provided for both the name(s) of the switch as well as its values.

```
Example
```

The following are all valid:

```
/mycmd cmd1 -test 3 param1 param2 param3
/mycmd cmd1 param1 -test 3 param2 param3
/mycmd cmd1 param1 param2 -test 3 param 3
/mycmd cmd1 param1 param2 param3 -test 3
/mycmd cmd1 param1 param2 param3
```

All but the last will return 3 to the variable myNum.

The last command will return null to the variable myNum.

Literal¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: String (if suppress is false)

Completions: yes

The simplest Parser is the Literal Parser. This one does not have a special name but rather is used whenever a string is detected instead of the name of a parser prefixed with @.

The Literal parser will use its name as input and has suppress set to true by default so will not normally provide any parameter to the method. Multiple options can be provided by separating the names with |.

Command completion will show all the options provided.

Example @Command("mycmd") public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand { @Arg("cmd1|c1 param1 param2|p2(suppress=false) param3") public void myCmd1(CommandSender sender, String p2) { }

The following are all valid commands:

- •/mycmd cmd1 param1 param2 param3
- •/mycmd c1 param1 param2 param3
- •/mycmd cmd1 param1 p2 param3
- •/mycmd cl param1 p2 param3

The method parameter p2 will be filled in with either param2 or p2.

@Double¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: Double

Completions: no

This Parser will try to read a floating point number from input and will return it as a Double

Example

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
    @Arg("cmd1 @double")
    public void myCmd1(CommandSender sender, Double p1) {
```

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```
}
```

The command: /mycmd cmd1 1.5 will provided the method parmeter p1 with a Double with value 1.5

The command /mycmd cmdl aaa will return an error.

@Float¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: Float

Completions: no

This Parser will try to read a floating point number from input and will return it as a Float

Example

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
    @Arg("cmd1 @float")
    public void myCmd1(CommandSender sender, Float p1) {
        ...
    }
}
```

The command: /mycmd cmd1 1.5 will provided the method parmeter p1 with a Float with value 1.5

The command /mycmd cmd1 aaa will return an error.

@Int¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: Integer

Completions: sometimes

This Parser will try to read an integer from input and will return it as an Integer.

If a max parameter is provided then completion will show up to 20 numbers between min and max. If min is not defined but max is then min will be considered to be 0 for completion only but will not affect execution.

min¶

Set the minimum value accepted. Defaults to no minimum.

max¶

Set the maximum value accepted. Defaults to no maximum.

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
    @Arg("cmdl @int(min=4,max=10)")
    public void myCmdl(CommandSender sender, Integer p1) {
        ...
    }
}
```

The command: /mycmd cmd1 6 will provided the method parmeter p1 with a Integer with value 6

The command /mycmd cmd1 100 will return an error.

The command /mycmd cmd1 aaa will return an error.

@String¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: String

Completions: no

This Parser will consume a single word from input and return it as a String object.

No completions will be provided.

Example

```
@Command("mycmd")
public class MainCommand extends BukkitCommand {
    @Arg("cmd1 @string @string")
    public void myCmd1(CommandSender sender, String p1, String p2) {
        ...
    }
}
```

The command: /mycmd cmd1 foo bar will provided the String foo for method parmaeter p1 and bar for method parameter p2

Bukkit¶

These parsers are available for the Bukkit execution environment

@Player¶

Consumes: 1

Returns: Player, OfflinePlayer

Completions: yes

Reads in a player name and will return either a Player or OfflinePlayer depending on the setting of the mode parameter.

A value of %self will refer to the command sender. This is useful to provide as a default. When the command sender is the console then an error will be returned "When console a player name is required".

mode¶

Can be either online or offline (default).

When mode is online then completion will only show currently online players and when executing will only accept a player that is online. Returns a Player object to the method.

When mode is offline then completion will show all players, online and offline, and when executing will validate that the player exists. Returns an OfflinePlayer object to the method.

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Contributing¶

Here are some ways that you can help contribute to this project.

New ideas or Bug Reports¶

Need something? Found a bug? Or just have a brilliant idea? Head to the Issues (https://github.com/Bundabrg/bcf/issues) and create new one.

Contributing Code¶

If you know Java then take a look at open issues and create a pull request.

Do the following to build the code:

```
git clone https://github.com/Bundabrg/bcf
cd bcf
mvn clean package
```

Contributing Documentation¶

If you can help improve the documentation it would be highly appreciated. Have a look under the docs folder for the existing documentation.

The documentation is built using mkdocs. You can set up a hot-build dev environment that will auto-refresh changes as they are made.

Requirements¶

- python3
- pip3
- npm (only if changing themes)

Install dependencies by running:

```
pip3 install -r requirements.txt
```

Dev Environment¶

To start a http document server on http://127.0.0.1:8000 execute:

mkdocs serve

Change PDF Theme¶

Edit the PDF theme under docs/theme/pdf. Rebuild by doing the following:

cd docs/theme/pdf
npm install
npm run build-compressed

This will update pdf.css under docs/css/pdf.css. Rebuilding the docs will now use the new theme.

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Maven¶

Add the following repository to your pom.xml

Add the following dependency to your pom.xml if you are using Bukkit, Spigot or Paper:

```
<dependency>
     <groupId>au.com.grieve.bcf</groupId>
     <artifactId>bukkit</artifactId>
        <version>1.2.5</version>
        <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
```

For Bungeecord add the following:

```
<dependency>
     <groupId>au.com.grieve.bcf</groupId>
     <artifactId>bungeecord</artifactId>
          <version>1.2.5</version>
          <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
```

Shade the library into your own code by adding in your pom.xml

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```
<build>
   <plugins>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>3.2.3
           <executions>
               <execution>
                   <phase>package</phase>
                   <goals>
                       <goal>shade</goal>
                   </goals>
               </execution>
           </executions>
           <configuration>
               <relocations>
                   <relocation>
                       <pattern>au.com.grieve.bcf</pattern>
                       <shadedPattern>${project.groupId}.${project...}
                   </relocation>
               </relocations>
           </configuration>
        </plugin>
   </plugins>
</build>
```

Command Class¶

To create a command extend from an appropriate BaseCommand class and annotate with @Command. For a Bukkit plugin use BukkitCommand, and Bungeecord uses BungeeCommand.

You can of course (and are encouraged) to extend any of your command classes to better separate groups of commands. This can also be an effective way to allow 3rd parties to add commands under your plugin.

Command Manager¶

During your plugin initialization you need to setup a new Command Manager instance. For Bukkit use a BukkitCommandManager, and for Bungeecord use BungeeCommandManager, passing your own plugin as a parameter.

Then register each of your Command classes with the manager, passing the class type as a parameter.

```
public final class MyPlugin extends JavaPlugin {
    @Getter
    private BukkitCommandManager bcf;

    @Override
    public void onEnable() {
        // Setup Command Manager
        bcf = new BukkitCommandManager(this);

        // Register Commands
        bcf.registerCommand(MainCommand.class);
    }
}
```

Parser¶

You may wish to add your own custom parser. Either the built in ones are not sufficient, or you have some custom arguments that need to be parsed in a special way.

Note

If you do write a Parser that may be useful to others then please to send a PR to have it included as a built-in type.

A parser can be though of as having the following attributes:

- 1. It will be provided a list of input words available to it at its position in the @Arg command string and must consume 0 or more of them.
- 2. If possible it should be able to use partial input to provide command completion
- 3. It should be able to validate its input and return a concrete object

A custom parser should extend Parser or a class derived from this.

The parser is registered by calling the registerParser method on the CommandManager and from that point its name prefixed with @ can be used in an @Arg string.

```
bcf.registerParser("myparser", MyParser.class);
```

Overrides¶

The three important methods to provide are:

- 1. parse Consume input words
- 2. compete Return list of completions for the input
- 3. result Return a concrete object for the input

parse¶

```
public void parse(List<String> input, boolean defaults) throws ParserRequiredArgum
...
}
```

Provided a list of words from input available at this parsers point in the @Arg string. Any input for this parser must be removed from the head of the list with any remaining items being available for the calling process.

If defaults is set to false then no action that forgives missing input should be allowed. This means even if a default is set missing input should cause an error.

Any required input that is missing (and not provided another way like through a default parameter) must throw a ParserRequiredArgumentException

Important

As most Parsers only consume 1 input a custom parser that also only consumes 1 input should extend SingleParser which handles this method for you. Make use of getInput() to get the consumed input.

complete¶

```
protected List<String> complete() {
    ...
}
```

Return a list of completions for the consumed input ideally filtering it by what has been entered and limiting it to a maximum of 20 items. If no completions are available then return an empty list.

The results are cached.

result¶

```
protected Object result() throws ParserInvalidResultException {
    ...
}
```

Return a concrete Object for the input consumed. If there is no valid result for the input then this must throw a ParserInvalidResultException which will cause it to be rejected as a valid command candidate.

The results are cached.

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