Implementation Plan

1. SearchEngine

• Attributes:

- o crawler: An instance of WebCrawler responsible for fetching web pages.
- o parser: An instance of HTMLParser used to extract plain text from web pages.
- o indexer: An instance of ContentIndexer responsible for indexing content for fast search.

• Methods:

- o SearchEngine(): Constructor to initialize the search engine with necessary components.
- o buildIndex(): Builds an index from the crawled and parsed content.
- o search(): Searches the indexed content for a query.

2. WebCrawler

• Methods:

- o crawl (): Starts the crawling process to fetch web pages.
- o fetchPage(): A private method to fetch an individual page from the internet.

3. HTMLParser

• Methods:

o extractText(): Extracts plain text content from HTML pages.

4. ContentIndexer

• Attributes:

o index: A map (Dictionary) that stores a mapping of search terms (Strings) to lists of pages (List of Strings) that contain those terms.

• Methods:

- o addToIndex(): Adds a page's content to the index.
- o search(): Searches the index for specific terms.
- o getIndex(): Retrieves the current index.

• Methods:

o log(): A static method used to log important events or errors in the system. (Denoted by \$ to indicate its static nature)

6. Main

• Methods:

o main(): The main entry point of the application. (Static method, denoted by \$)

Relationships Between Classes:

• Composition Relationships:

o SearchEngine has a composition relationship with WebCrawler, HTMLParser, and ContentIndexer. This means SearchEngine owns and manages these objects (filled diamond).

• Dependency Relationships:

- o SearchEngine and Main both have a **dependency** relationship with Logger (represented by a dotted arrow). This indicates that SearchEngine and Main rely on Logger for logging events.
- o Main also has a **dependency** relationship with SearchEngine, as it calls the methods of SearchEngine to start the search process.

Role of Each Class:

- **SearchEngine**: The heart of the system, managing the search process by coordinating crawling, parsing, and indexing.
- WebCrawler: Fetches web pages from the internet for processing.
- **HTMLParser**: Extracts plain text from web pages to enable indexing.
- ContentIndexer: Stores the parsed content in an index, allowing for efficient searching.
- Logger: Captures important system events and errors for troubleshooting and monitoring.
- **Main**: The entry point of the application, responsible for starting the process and managing user interaction.

Summary of the projects plan:

This diagram and the accompanying descriptions provide a clear overview of the project structure. It not only breaks down the attributes and methods of each class but also outlines the relationships between them. I will be using Agile methodology extreme programming (XP) variant thus, it is important to understand that any kinds of the project's implementation might change overtime as i began familiarize my self with the nature of the project.