

The purpose of this assignment is to practice the use of the reflection API.

Exercise 1 – Hierarchies

Open the `hierarchies/` folder in your IDE. It contains the skeleton of the main class to implement and some support classes to be used for this exercise. The goal is to write 3 utility methods that provide the class hierarchy of any java class using Java's reflection API.

Write a class that implements the following three methods:

- 1) **`getPathToObject(String className)`**
that returns a list of Strings representing all the classes in the class hierarchy, from *className* to *Object* (e.g. `[F1Car, RacingCar, Car, Vehicle, java.lang.Object]`).
- 2) **`getPathToClass(String startClassName, String endClassName)`**
that returns a list of Strings representing all the classes in the class hierarchy from *startClassName* to *endClassName*; if the path does not exist an empty list should be returned.
- 3) **`getCommonAncestor(String className0, String className1)`**
that returns the class name of the common superclass between *className0* and *className1*.

You also have to implement a method that tests all 3 methods using the provided example classes.

Exercise 2 – Class encapsulator

Open the `CodeGen/Target.java` file in your IDE. The goal of this exercise is to generate the source code of an encapsulated version of the given `Target` class using reflection.

The program should therefore:

- use reflection to read all fields of the `Target` class
- generate for each field:
 - o the private field with its value initialization
 - o the corresponding getter and setter methods, combining the field's name and camelCase naming conventions

The resulting source code of the encapsulated class should be printed to the console.

Example:

Target class

```
public class Target {  
    int theAnswer = 42;  
    public String hello = "world";  
}
```

Desired output to console

```
public class Target {  
    private int theAnswer = 42;  
    private String hello = "world";  
  
    public int getTheAnswer() {  
        return theAnswer;  
    }  
  
    public String getHello() {  
        return hello;  
    }  
  
    public void setTheAnswer(int theAnswer) {  
        this.theAnswer = theAnswer;  
    }  
  
    public void setHello(String hello) {  
        this.hello = hello;  
    }  
}
```

Exercise 3 – Class markdown documentation

Open the `markdown/DocumentationHelper.java` file in your IDE and use it as a starting point for implementing a program that helps generating a template for documenting all **public constructors and methods** of a java class in markdown format. Make sure to consider also the parameters.

A possible template for the desired output could be:

```
# ClassName

## Constructors

### `Constructor()``
TODO describe constructor

### `Constructor(float, float)``

Parameters:
- `float arg0`: TODO describe parameter
- `float arg1`: TODO describe parameter

TODO describe constructor

## Methods

### `int method(float)``

Parameters:
- `float arg0`: TODO describe parameter

TODO describe method

...
```

A possible output of the *Coordinate* class provided in the *DocumentationHelper* class could be:

```
# `markdown.Coordinate`

## Constructor(s)

### `markdown.Coordinate()``
TODO describe constructor

### `markdown.Coordinate(float, float)``

#### Parameters:
- `float arg0`: TODO describe parameter.
- `float arg1`: TODO describe parameter.

TODO describe constructor

## Methods(s)

### `float getLat()``
TODO describe method

### `float getLon()``
TODO describe method

### `java.lang.String toString()``
TODO describe method

### `double distance(markdown.Coordinate)``

#### Parameters:
- `markdown.Coordinate arg0`: TODO describe parameter.

TODO describe method
```