

Assignment: Encryption and Decryption Application

Objective: The objective of this assignment is to develop a console-based application for encryption and decryption using Java and object-oriented programming principles. The application should include two different ciphers that both implement a common interface.

Task: You are tasked with building a Java program that can perform encryption and decryption using two different ciphers. You only need to consider letters from A to Z (and a to z), that is you don't need to handle ÅÄÖ or other non-English letters. The program should perform the following tasks:

1. Implement a common interface **Cipher** that includes methods for encrypting and decrypting text.
2. Create a class **ShiftCipher** that implements the **Cipher** interface. This cipher should shift each letter in the text by a fixed number of positions. If the shift number is 1, A becomes B and Z becomes A.
3. Create a class **ReplacementCipher** that also implements the **Cipher** interface. This cipher should replace each letter in the text with a corresponding replacement letter. If the replacement letters are "BYZ...", the message "CBA" will be encrypted to "ZYB". You need replacement letters for all letters that your cipher should handle, which in this case is A to Z.
4. In the **Main** class, instantiate objects of both the cipher classes. These objects should be initiated with a shift number and replacement letters respectively.
5. Use the objects to perform encryption and decryption operations on sample texts.

Example Output: Below is an example of the expected console output for your program:

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Original Text: "Hello, World!"

Encrypted Text (Shift Cipher): "Khoor, Zruog!"
Encrypted Text (Replacement Cipher): "Uryyb, Jbeyq!"

Decrypted Text (Shift Cipher): "Hello, World!"
Decrypted Text (Replacement Cipher): "Hello, World!"
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Grading Criteria:

- Properly implement the interface, the two cipher classes, and a **Main** class to test the ciphers.
- Both ciphers correctly perform encryption and decryption operations.
- The program produces output that displays the original, encrypted, and decrypted texts.
- The main program should only use the individual cipher types at instantiation, after that the interaction with these objects should use the **Cipher** interface.

Bonus Challenges (Optional):

1. Allow user input for the text and cipher parameters (shift, replacement letters, etc.).
2. Implement additional ciphers, such as Vigenère Cipher or Playfair Cipher, using the same interface.

Submission: Submit your Java source code files (`.java`) in CodeGrade with the right amount of comments that explain your code. Follow the instructions on Canvas for CodeGrade submission.

Hints:

- to build a string from characters, you could either use string concatenation with the plus sign, as in "AB" + "BA". Or you could use the `StringBuilder` class which has a handy `append(str)` method and a `toString()` method to convert it back to a string.
- to get an array of all the characters inside a string, use `str.toCharArray()`
- to get one character from a string, use `str.charAt(pos)`
- to test individual characters for lowercase or uppercase, use `Character.isUpperCase(ch)` or `Character.isLowerCase(ch)`
- remember that characters are numbers and can be used for addition and subtraction
- to get the index of a specified character in a string, use `str.indexOf(ch)`