# **Library Management**

# 1. Superclass LibraryMedia

# Field implementation:

- Create three fields with the protected modifier so they are accessible in subclasses:
  - String title stores the title of the library media
  - int publicationYear stores the year of publication
  - boolean available flag indicating whether the media is available for borrowing

# **Constructor implementation:**

- The constructor should accept two parameters: title and publicationYear
- Inside the constructor, assign the values of the parameters to the class fields using the this keyword
- Additionally, set the available field to true (we assume that a newly added medium is available)

# Method implementation:

- borrow(): This method should check whether the media is available. If it is, change the available status to false and display a message indicating it has been borrowed. If not, display a message that the media is already borrowed.
- returnMedia(): This method checks whether the media is borrowed (i.e., available == false). If it is, change the status to available = true and display a return confirmation message. If not, inform the user that the media wasn't borrowed.
- displayInformation(): This method displays basic information about the media: title, publication year, and availability. Use the ternary operator (available? "Available": "Borrowed") to display the availability status.

# 2. Subclasses | Book | and | Movie |

# Class Book

#### Field implementation:

- Add two private fields specific to books:
  - String author stores the author's full name
  - int numberOfPages stores the number of pages in the book

#### **Constructor implementation:**

- The constructor should accept four parameters: title, publicationYear, author, numberOfPages
- Call the superclass constructor using super(title, publicationYear)
- Initialize the book-specific fields: this.author = author and this.numberOfPages = numberOfPages

# Method overriding:

- Override the displayInformation() method using the @Override annotation
- First, call the superclass version of this method using super.displayInformation()
- Then, add the display of information specific to books: author and number of pages

### Implementation of a specific method:

- Create a method checkNumberOfPages() that evaluates whether the book is long
- Inside the method, check whether <a href="number0fPages">number0fPages</a> > 500. If so, display a message that it's a long book. Otherwise, say it's a standard book. In both cases, include the number of pages.

# Class Movie

### Field implementation:

- Add two private fields specific to movies:
  - String director stores the director's full name
  - int duration stores the movie duration in minutes

#### **Constructor implementation:**

- The constructor should accept four parameters: title, publicationYear, director, duration
- Call the superclass constructor using super(title, publicationYear)
- Initialize the movie-specific fields: this.director = director and this.duration = duration

#### Method overriding:

- Override the displayInformation() method using the @Override annotation
- First, call the superclass version of this method using super.displayInformation()
- Then, add the display of movie-specific information: director and duration

### Implementation of a specific method:

Create a method checkDuration() that evaluates whether the movie is long

• Inside the method, check whether duration > 120 (2 hours). If so, display a message that it's a long movie. Otherwise, say it's a standard movie. In both cases, include the duration in minutes.

# 3. Demonstrating polymorphism in the main method

#### Implementation of the test class:

Create a class LibraryTest with a main method

# **Creating objects:**

- Create two Book objects with different data
- Create two Movie objects with different data

## Implementing a polymorphic array:

- Create an array of type LibraryMedia[] with length 4
- Assign all the created objects to this array (two books and two movies)
- This is possible thanks to polymorphism derived type objects (Book, Movie) can be treated as base type objects (LibraryMedia)

# Polymorphic method calls:

- Create a for-each loop that iterates through all elements in the array
- Inside the loop, call the displayInformation() method for each element
- Thanks to polymorphism, although we call the same method on elements of type
   LibraryMedia, Java automatically selects the appropriate implementation depending on the actual object type (the overridden method in Book or Movie)

#### **Demonstrating borrowing and returning operations:**

Show borrowing one object, trying to borrow it again (which should fail), and then returning
it

#### Calling type-specific methods:

- Call type-specific methods: <a href="mailto:checkNumber0fPages">checkNumber0fPages</a>() for a book and <a href="mailto:checkDuration">checkDuration</a>() for a movie
- Show that to call these methods directly, you need to use variables of the specific type (you can't call them on a LibraryMedia variable)

#### **Demonstrating casting:**

- Show how you can access type-specific methods through casting
- Create a loop through the polymorphic array

- For each element, check its actual type using the instanceof operator
- Depending on the type, cast it to the appropriate type and call the type-specific method

# Example project file structure:

- 1. Create a LibraryMedia.java file containing the definition of the base class
- 2. Create a Book, java file containing the definition of the first subclass
- 3. Create a Movie.java file containing the definition of the second subclass
- 4. Create a LibraryTest.java file containing the test class with the main method

# Code example:

```
public class LibraryTest {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Creating objects of different types
        Book book1 = new Book("The Witcher", 1990, "Andrzej Sapkowski",
320);
       Movie movie1 = new Movie("The Green Mile", 1999, "Frank Darabont",
189);
       // Demonstrating polymorphism — storing different types in a base
class array
        LibraryMedia[] mediaArray = new LibraryMedia[2];
        mediaArray[0] = book1; // Book object stored as LibraryMedia
        mediaArray[1] = movie1; // Movie object stored as LibraryMedia
        // Demonstrating polymorphism - calling methods on different types
        System.out.println("===== INFORMATION ABOUT ALL MEDIA =====");
        for (LibraryMedia media: mediaArray) {
            // Same method name, but the correct implementation is called
            // depending on the actual object type (polymorphism)
            media.displayInformation();
            System.out.println("--
                                                  --");
        }
        // Demonstrating borrowing and returning operations
        System.out.println("\n===== BORROWING AND RETURNING OPERATIONS
=====");
        book1.borrow(); // Borrowing the book
        book1.borrow(); // Attempting to borrow again - should show that
it's already borrowed
        book1.returnMedia(); // Returning the book
        // Calling type-specific methods
        System.out.println("\n===== TYPE-SPECIFIC METHODS ======");
        book1.checkNumber0fPages(); // Method specific to Book
        movie1.checkDuration();  // Method specific to Movie
```

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// Demonstrating casting to call type-specific methods via base
class reference
        System.out.println("\n===== TYPE CASTING =====");
        for (LibraryMedia media: mediaArray) {
            if (media instanceof Book) {
                // Cast and call the method specific to Book
                Book b = (Book) media;
                b.checkNumberOfPages();
                // Alternatively, use one-liner cast:
                // ((Book) media).checkNumberOfPages();
            } else if (media instanceof Movie) {
                // Cast and call the method specific to Movie
                ((Movie) media).checkDuration();
            }
       }
   }
}
```