

Worksheet: Implementation of clone()

In this week's project on the active directory you find in the package patterns.clone.company the classes Employee, Company and PartTimeEmployee, which all provide an implementation of method equals. The clone method however is empty. Additionally, a JUnit test class (CloningTest) is provided. Use this test in the following tasks.

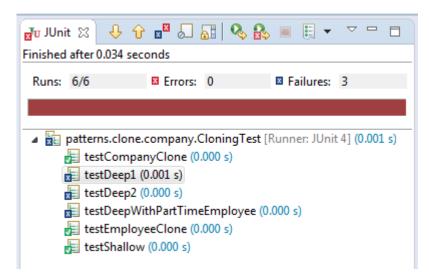
Tasks:

- 1. Implement method clone() in class Employee.
- Implement method clone() in class Company so that (for now) a shallow copy is created.

After having resolved these two tasks, the three tests

- testEmployeeClone
- testCompanyClone
- testShallow

defined in the test class should terminate successfully.



- 3. Extend the implementation of method clone() in class Company so that a deep-copy is created.
- 4. Up to which depth do the two test methods testDeep1() and testDeep2() compare the created clone? Explain the difference!
- 5. How do the two test methods testDeep1() and testDeep2() test whether correct copies have been created?
- 6. Finally one remaining test should fail: testDeepWithPartTimeEmployee. The reason for this failure is that method clone in class PartTimeEmployee (a sub class of Employee) is not implemented correctly. Provide a correct implementation for this method as well.