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Practice 5

In this practice, we'll write a program that determines the type of a given file.

Note that we can't always rely on file extensions to determine its type, since file extensions may be missing, or incorrect (e.g., an attacker may change a malicious game.exe into a seemingly innocent game.txt).

Instead, we may check the file header to help determine its type. Below are file headers for three different file types. See here for more details on file format and magic numbers.

File Type	File Header (Hex)
png	89504e47
zip or jar	504b0304
class	cafebabe

Please write a FileTypeParser.java to determine the type of a given file. Executing the program

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java FileTypeParser afile
```

will give the following output

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Filename: afile
File Header(Hex): [ca, fe, ba, be]
File Type: class
```

Evaluation

The practice will be checked before Oct.26 by teachers or SAs. What will be tested:

- 1. That you understand every line of your own code, not just copy from somewhere
- 2. That your program compiles correctly (javac)
- 3. Correctness of the program logic
- 4. That the result is obtained in a reasonable time

Late submissions after Oct.26 will incur a 20% penalty, meaning that you can only get 80% of this practice's score.