

CS410J Project 0: Extending A Class

In this project you will write a `Student` class that subclasses the `Human` class we discussed in lecture.

Goals:

- Work with someone else's class
- Learn about inheritance and virtual methods
- Read program arguments from the command line

Below is the skeleton of a simple Java class that extends the `Human` class. Class `Student` is declared in package `edu.pdx.cs410J.your-login-id`. In order for `Student` to access its superclass, `Human`, it must import the `edu.pdx.cs410J.lang` package. Note how the `Student` class *overrides* the `says` and `toString` methods.

```
package edu.pdx.cs410J.<your-login-id>;

import edu.pdx.cs410J.lang.*;    // Lets us use Human
import java.util.*;              // Lets us use ArrayList

/**
 * This class is represents a <code>Student</code>.
 */
public class Student extends Human {

    /**
     * Creates a new <code>Student</code>
     *
     * @param name
     *         The student's name
     * @param classes
     *         The names of the classes the student is taking. A student
     *         may take zero or more classes.
     * @param gpa
     *         The student's grade point average
     * @param gender
     *         The student's gender ("male" or "female", case insensitive)
     */
    public Student(String name, ArrayList<String> classes, double gpa, String gender) {
        super(name);
    }
}
```

```

/**
 * All students say "This class is too much work"
 */
public String says() {
    throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Not implemented yet");
}

/**
 * Returns a <code>String</code> that describes this
 * <code>Student</code>.
 */
public String toString() {
    throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Not implemented yet");
}

/**
 * Main program that parses the command line, creates a
 * <code>Student</code>, and prints a description of the student to
 * standard out by invoking its <code>toString</code> method.
 */
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.err.println("Missing command line arguments");
    System.exit(1);
}
}

```

To get you started with the project, there is a Maven archetype for this Student project.

```

$ mvn archetype:generate \
  -DarchetypeCatalog=https://dl.bintray.com/davidwhitlock/maven/ \
  -DarchetypeGroupId=edu.pdx.cs410J \
  -DarchetypeArtifactId=student-archetype
Define value for groupId: : edu.pdx.cs410J.<login-id>
Define value for artifactId: : student
Define value for version: 1.0-SNAPSHOT: :
Define value for package: edu.pdx.cs410J.<login-id>: :
Confirm properties configuration:
groupId: edu.pdx.cs410J.<login-id>
artifactId: student
version: 1.0-SNAPSHOT
package: edu.pdx.cs410J.<login-id>
Y: : Y

```

The generated Maven project contains unit and integration tests to get you started with test-driven development. You can build the project and run its tests by invoking the `verify` phase.

```
$ mvn verify
```

Building the Maven project will create an “executable jar” file that will invoke the `main` method of the `Student` class.

```
$ mvn package
$ java -jar target/student-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar \
  Dave male 3.64 Algorithms "Operating Systems" Java
```

Running with the above command line arguments should result in the following output:

```
Dave has a GPA of 3.64 and is taking 3 classes: Algorithms, Operating
Systems, and Java.  He says "This class is too much work".
```

Error handling: Your program should exit “gracefully”¹ with a user-friendly error message under all reasonable error conditions. For instance, if the command line does not contain enough entries, then your program should issue an error like `Missing command line arguments!` It would be even better if it stated which arguments were missing.

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¹For example, the user shouldn’t see any evidence of an exception being thrown.