

## Appendix J: Stemming Process

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public String stem(String all) throws Exception {
    PorterStemmer stem = new PorterStemmer();
    String arr[] = all.split("\\s+");
    // split by the white space character
    int len = 0;
    String result = "";
    while (arr.length != len) {
        stem.setCurrent(arr[len]);
        stem.stem();
        result += stem.getCurrent() + " ";
        len++;
    }
}
```

Synopsis of what is going on:

- This is the code snippet that does the snowball, improved porter stemming process.
- It splits the array of words by its white space character, to split up the words.
- Each word in order, which is counted with 'len', is stemmed and added to result.
- Result adds a whitespace back in to separate the stemmed words.