

Object-Oriented Language and Theory

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Lab 8: Polymorphism

* Objectives:

In this lab, you will practice with:

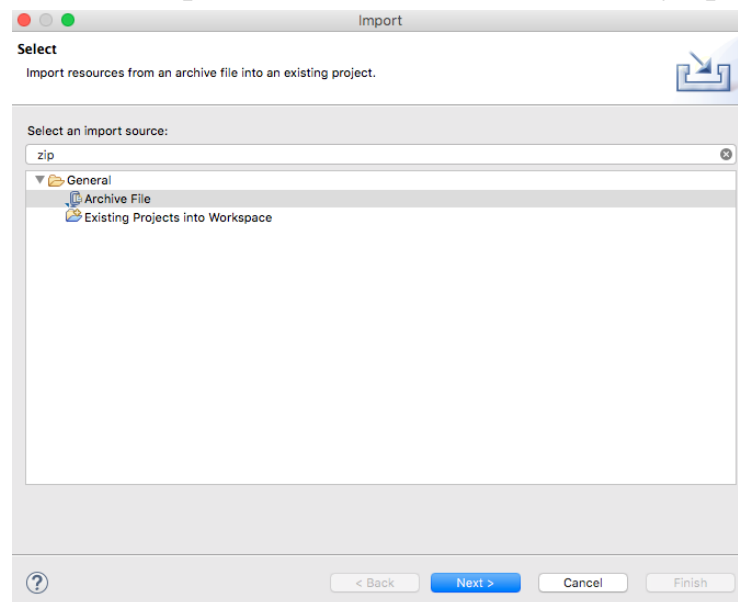
- Polymorphism
- Comparable interface for the purpose of sorting objects within a collection
- Template
- Map

You need to use the project that you did with the previous labs including AimsProject.

1. Import the AimsProject

- Open Eclipse

- Open File → Import. Type zip to find Archive File if you have exported as a zip file before. You may choose Existing Projects into Workspace if you want to open an existing project in your computer. Ignore this step if the AimsProject is already opened in the workspace.



- Click Next and Browse to a zip file or a project to open.

2. Override `equals()` method of the `Object` class

We can apply Release Flow here by creating a topic branch for the override of `equals()` method.

- In previous labs, you add a media to an order or a track to a CD. However, you may use the `contains()` methods of the list in the order or the CD to ensure that a similar object is not added to that list.
- However, the `contains()` method returns true if the list contains the specific element. More formally, it returns true if and only if the list contains at least one element `e` such that `(o==null?e==null:o.equals(e))`. So the `contains()` method actually use `equals()` method to check equality.
- Please override the `boolean equals(Object o)` of the `Media` and the `Track` class so that two objects of these classes can be considered as equal if:
 - + For the `Media` class: the `id` is equal
 - + For the `Track` class: the `title` and the `length` are equal
- When overriding the `equals()` method of the `Object` class, you will have to cast the `Object` parameter `obj` to the type of `Object` that you are dealing with. For example, in the `Media` class, you must cast the `Object obj` to a `Media`, and then check the equality of the two objects' attributes as the above requirements (i.e. `id` for `Media`; `title` and `length` for `Track`). If the passing object is not an instance of `Media`, what happens?

3. Implement the `Comparable` interface and sort

- We can apply Release Flow here by creating a topic branch for `Comparable` interface implementation.
- To sort media products, implement the `Comparable` interface on `CompactDisc`, `DigitalVideoDisc`, `Track`, and `Book`.

Note: The `Comparable` interface is part of the Java class library. It is in the `java.lang` package, so no import statement is needed. Please open the Java docs to see the information of this interface. Which method(s) do you need to implement from this interface?

+ For each of `CompactDisc`, `DigitalVideoDisc`, `Track`, and `Book`, edit the class description to include the `Comparable` interface after the `implements` keyword in the class declaration. For example, the class declaration for `DigitalVideoDisc` becomes:

Note: When you save your classes, you will now receive an error in the Tasks view. This is because classes which implement the `Comparable` interface must implement the `compareTo` method (from `Comparable`) - and this has not yet been completed.

4. Implement the `compareTo()` method

- For each of `CompactDisc`, `DigitalVideoDisc`, `Track`, and `Book`, create a method called `compareTo()` with the signature:

```
public int compareTo(Object obj)
```

- When implementing the `compareTo()` method of the `Comparable` interface, you often simply use the `compareTo()` method on one of the fields of the class. You will have to cast the `Object` parameter `obj` to the type of `Object` that you are dealing with. For example, in the `DigitalVideoDisc` class, you must cast the `Object obj` to a `DigitalVideoDisc`, and then return the value of a `compareTo()` on the `title` fields of the two objects. If the passing object is not an instance of `DigitalVideoDisc`, what happens?
- Since `title` is a field of `Media` and all of the above `Comparable` classes extend `Media`, you can create the same `compareTo()` methods for the `CompactDisc`, `Track`, and `Book`. Hence, you should think about the fact that we can move the `compareTo()` method to the `Media` class for re-use, and only `Media` class needs to implements the `Comparable` interface. If you do that, you can freely remove all implementations of the `compareTo()` method for the `Comparable` interface from the `CD`, `DVD` and `Book` classes.

5. Test the `compareTo()` method

- In `hust.soict.globalict.test.media` or `hust.soict.hedspi.test.media` package, create a new class for testing, e.g., `TestMediaCompareTo`.
- Create a collection (for example, a `ArrayList`) and add some `Media` objects to it (for example, some `DigitalVideoDiscs` as the sample code below). Write more codes for other `Media` types.
- Iterate through the entries in the collection and output them.
- Then use the `Collection.sort()` method to sort the entries in the collection, and output them again. They should now be in sorted order based on the `compareTo()` method that you created for that class.
- Below is only the suggestion, you need to complete it for a good menu presenting to the users:

```
java.util.Collection collection = new java.util.ArrayList();
```

```

// Add the DVD objects to the ArrayList
collection.add(dvd2);
collection.add(dvd1);
collection.add(dvd3);

// Iterate through the ArrayList and output their titles
// (unsorted order)
java.util.Iterator iterator = collection.iterator();

System.out.println("-----");
System.out.println ("The DVDs currently in the order are: ");

while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    System.out.println
        (((DigitalVideoDisc)iterator.next()).getTitle());
}

// Sort the collection of DVDs - based on the compareTo()
// method
java.util.Collections.sort((java.util.List)collection);

// Iterate through the ArrayList and output their titles -
// in sorted order
iterator = collection.iterator();

System.out.println("-----");
System.out.println ("The DVDs in sorted order are: ");

while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    System.out.println
        (((DigitalVideoDisc)iterator.next()).getTitle());
}

System.out.println("-----");

```

- Execute your program (click the Run button as before).
- The output in the Console view may look like the following (depends on objects you've created):

```

Playing DVD: The Lion King
DVD length: 87
Playing DVD: Star Wars
DVD length: 124
Playing DVD: Aladdin
DVD length: 90
The total length of the CD to add is: 13
Playing CD: IBM Symphony
CD length:13
Playing DVD: Warmup
DVD length: 3
Playing DVD: Scales
DVD length: 4
Playing DVD: Introduction
DVD length: 6
Total Cost is: 163.83
-----
The DVDs currently in the order are:
Star Wars
The Lion King
Aladdin
-----
The DVDs in sorted order are:
Aladdin
Star Wars
The Lion King
-----

```

6. Change the criteria for sorting media

We can apply Release Flow here by creating a topic branch for the addition of Media sorting criteria.

Suppose you wish to sort your DVDs by cost or length, rather than title. What changes would you need to make to your code to do this? Try making the necessary changes to the `compareTo()` method so that your DVDs are sorted by cost, from lowest to highest cost.

Do the modification if you want to sort CDs by number of tracks then by length, rather than title. If two CDs have the same number of tracks, please compare lengths of these two CDs.

Modify and run the class the `Aims` class to see the changes.

7. Using template for `Collection`

We can apply Release Flow here by creating a topic branch for template usage.

Please modify all codes which work with `Collection` to template style, for example:

```
Collection collection = new ArrayList();
```

should be modified to:

```
List<CompactDisc> discs = new ArrayList<CompactDisc>();
```

Or in the Order class should have:

```
List<Media> itemsOrdered = new ArrayList<Media>();
```

and all related source codes. Some suggestions can be found as below for the Media class, and similar ways for others.

```
public class Media implements Comparable<T> {  
    ...  
    public int compareTo(T o){  
        ...  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Run and test again.

8. Counting the frequency of Book content with Map

- We can apply Release Flow here by creating a feature branch for book content processing.
- Add an attribute String content for Book with two additional attributes:
 - + A sorted list List<String> contentTokens: *Hint: you may use String.split(String separator) to split the content by the separator, where the separator can be a regex (regular expression).*
 - + A sorted map Map<String, Integer> wordFrequency
- Write a method processContent() calculating the following information of the book content. This method is called when the content of the book is set/changed.
 - + Split the content to tokens by spaces or punctuations, then sort these tokens from a → z and set to the contentTokens attribute list
 - + Count the frequency of each token, sort by token from a → z and set to the wordFrequency attribute map (*Hint: use TreeMap to get an ordered map*).
- Override the method toString() to return all information of Book: all values of Book attributes, the content length (i.e. the number of tokens), the token list and the word frequency of the content.
- Write the BookTest class in a test package to test all above methods and display information of Book.