

Assignment 2 – The Interpreter
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<https://github.com/csc413-02-SU2020/csc413-p2-Rajdeep0303.git>

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Introduction

Project Overview

This project is an interpreter program for the mock language X. The main goal of the program is to interpret byte codes of programs written in mock language X. Language X is a made up programming language. Language X comes with an interpreter, a compiler and a debugger. This program reads a file and performs specific functions. The user enter the integer value to run the program and program run the stack value that separated by functions and work to calculate the final result.

Technical Overview

This program was design, verify, and implement the functionality of an interpreter. The interpreter functions on a programming language knows as Language X. The two main files the interpreter and the virtual machine work together to run a program written in the mock language X. The goal of this project was to build an interpreter for a language. The interprets byte code of programs written in mock language X. The user will enter the integer value to run the program and the program will read this value into a stack. The run the stack value that separated by functions and work to calculate the final result. The project structure was provided, we have to work with files which already implemented and creating abstract class Bytecode, extended and implemented by the different files. The interpreter is an assembly like interpreter that run and processes bytecode as it runs.

Summary of Work Completed

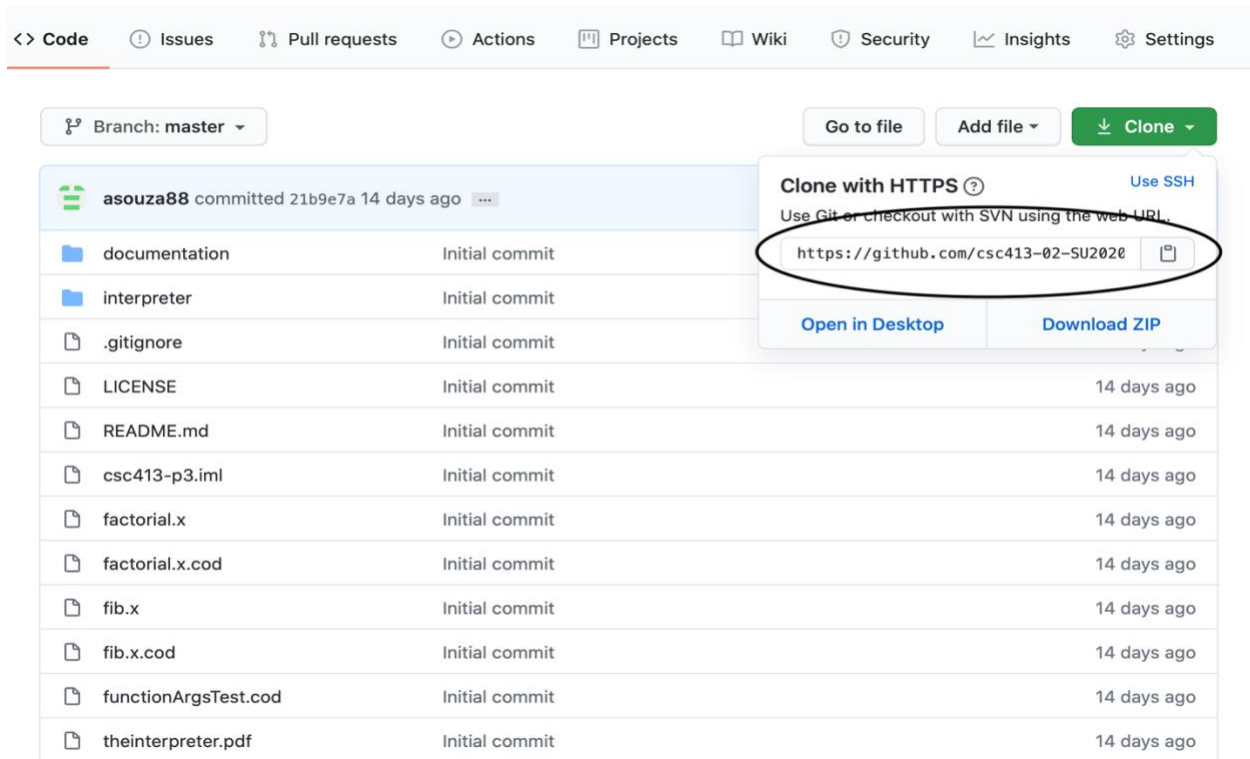
For this project, I created 16 subclasses that extends byte codes folder. I created the all ByteCode classes and leaving them empty. After, creating the all ByteCode classes, I start implement the Program, RunTimeStack, ByteCodeLoader, and VirtualMachine classes and in end, I start implement the empty subclasses. I implemented “Program” class for storing all the byte codes, and implemented the “RunTimeStack” class for processing the stack of active frames. Implemented the “Virtual Machine” class to do all the work to run the methods. Implemented the ByteCodeLoader class to parse the program argument file into ByteCode objects and their arguments. Also, created an interface class called AddressLabel which will be implemented by a select few of the ByteCode.

Development Environment

For this project, I use IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate to compile it, java version 2020.1.2. Java version 13.0.2 was used to develop this project in IntelliJ IDEA was used to develop this project.

How to Build/Import your Project

To be able to build the project in IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate, go to GitHub link where you can see the repository is located. Copy the link to import, or you can download the zip file containing the whole project.



Click on “Clone or Download” button. Then select the HTTPS or SSH if you have an SSH keys set up.

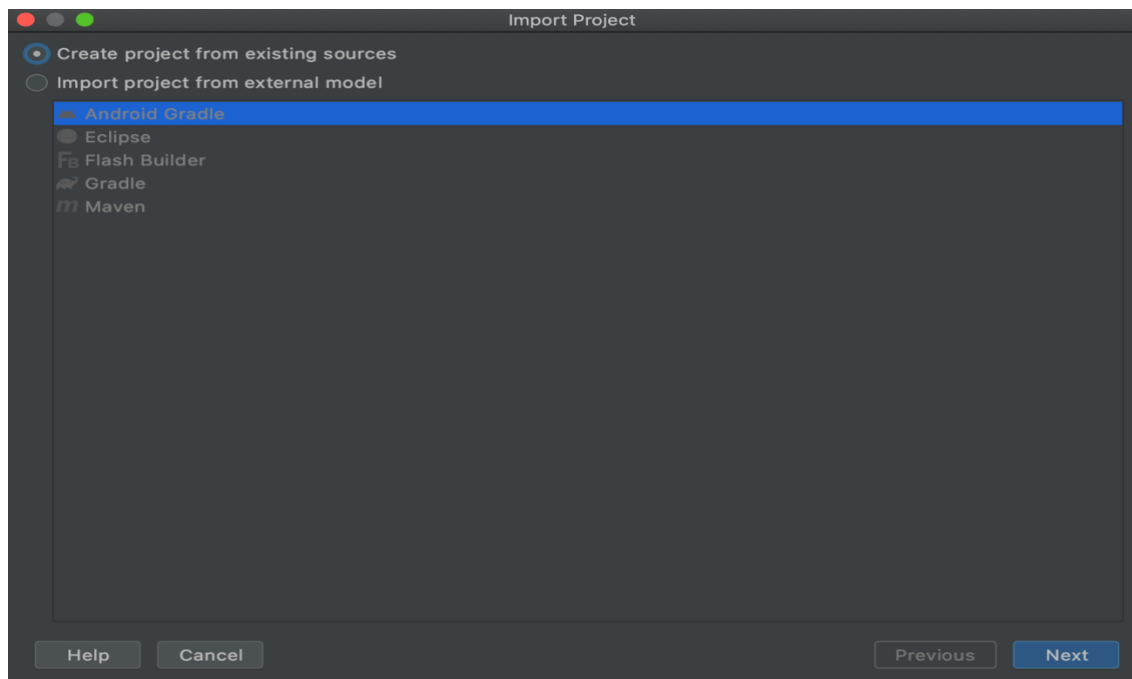
Then, copy the link in the terminal. For example, git clone repo_link_here

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[Rajdeeps-MacBook-Pro:Documents rajdeep$ git clone https://github.com/csc413-02-SU2020/csc413-p2-Rajdeep0303.git
Cloning into 'csc413-p2-Rajdeep0303'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 25, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (25/25), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (24/24), done.
remote: Total 25 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (25/25), done.
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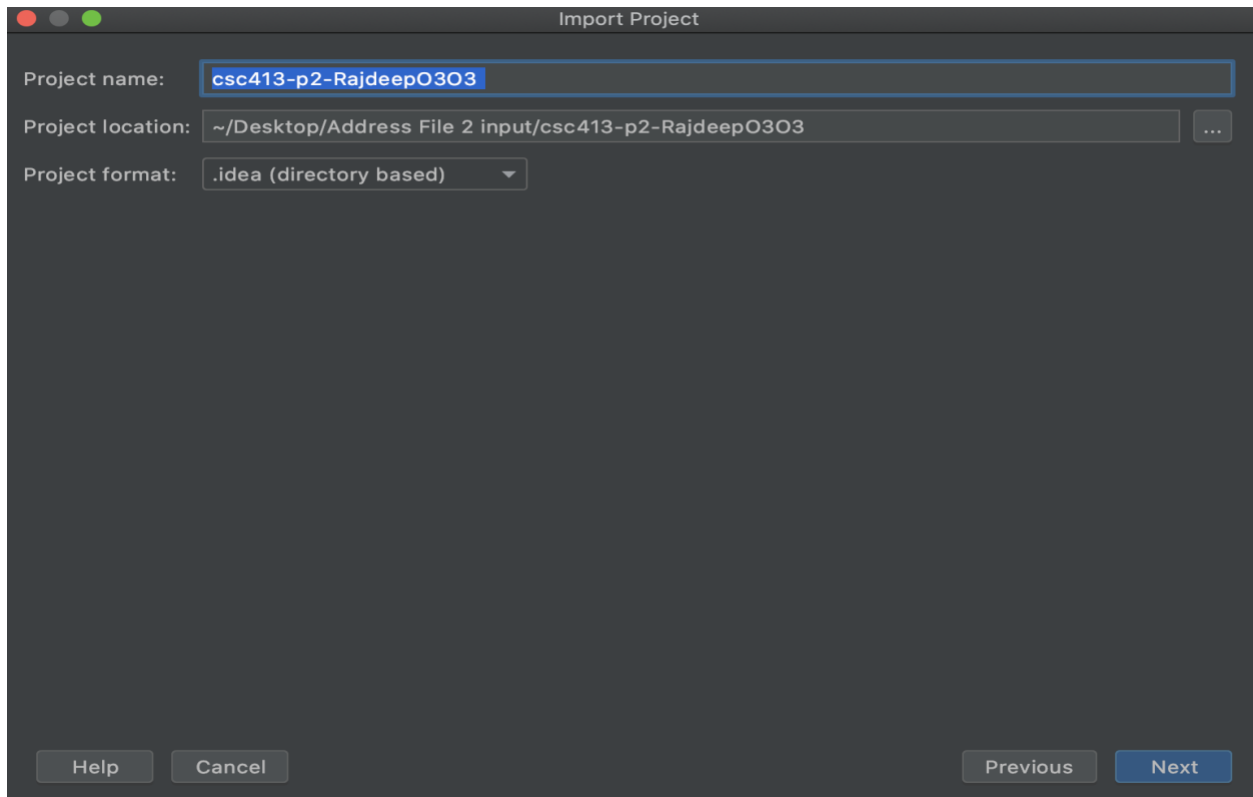
Once the repo is cloned, follow the following steps to import your project into IntelliJ. Steps are very easy, just follow the direction.



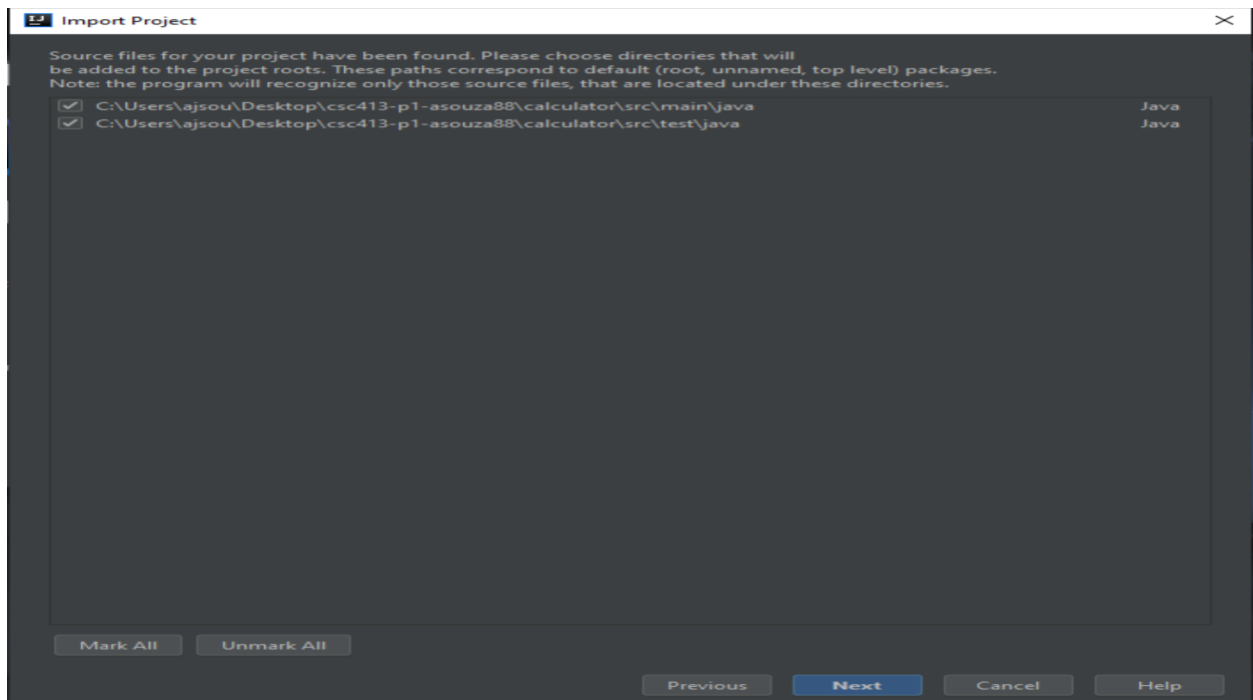
Click on “Import Project”



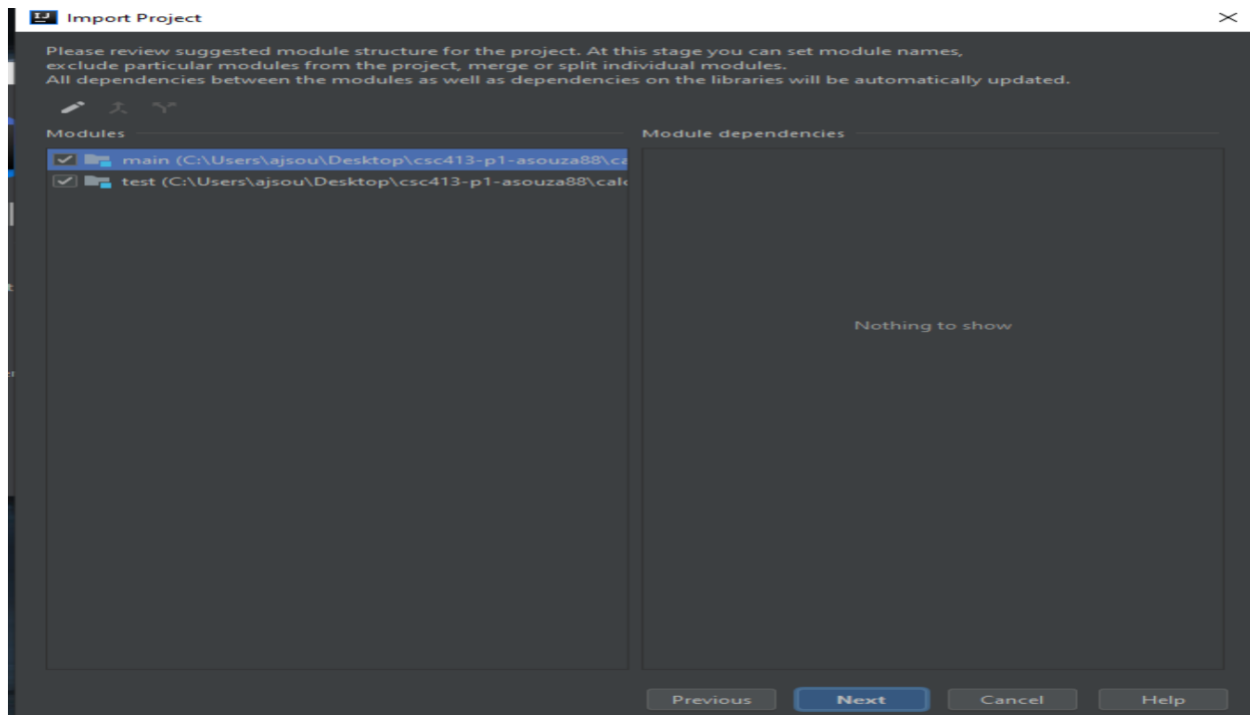
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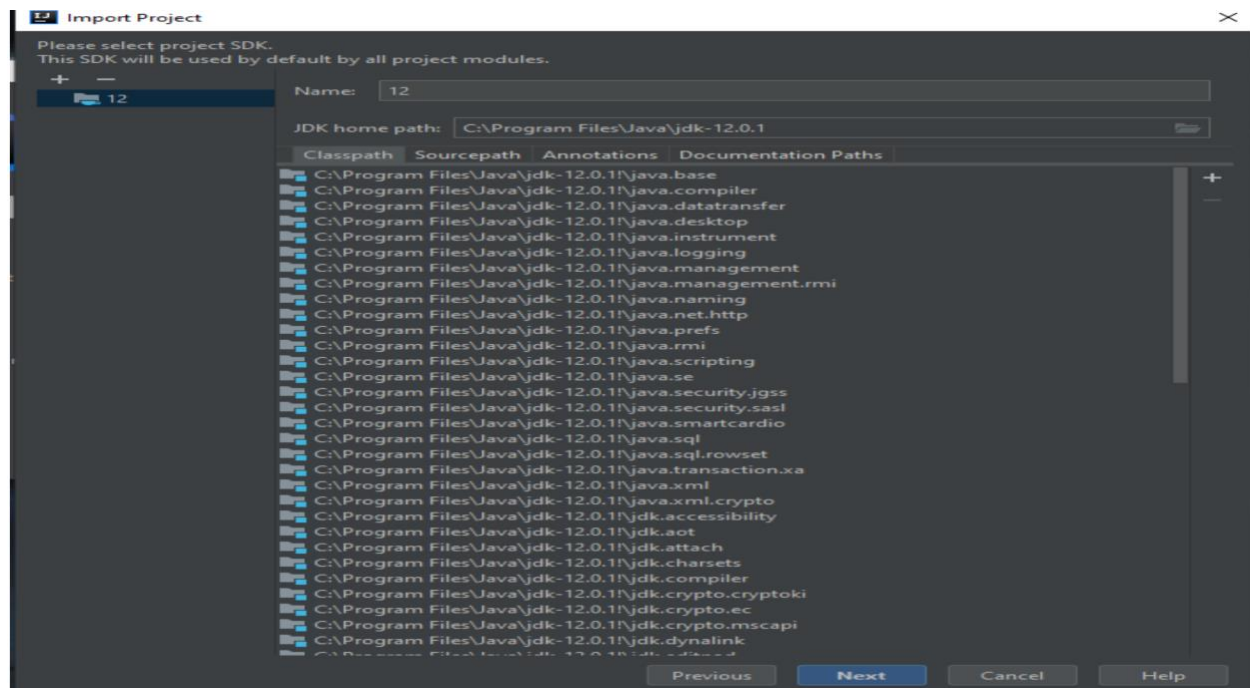
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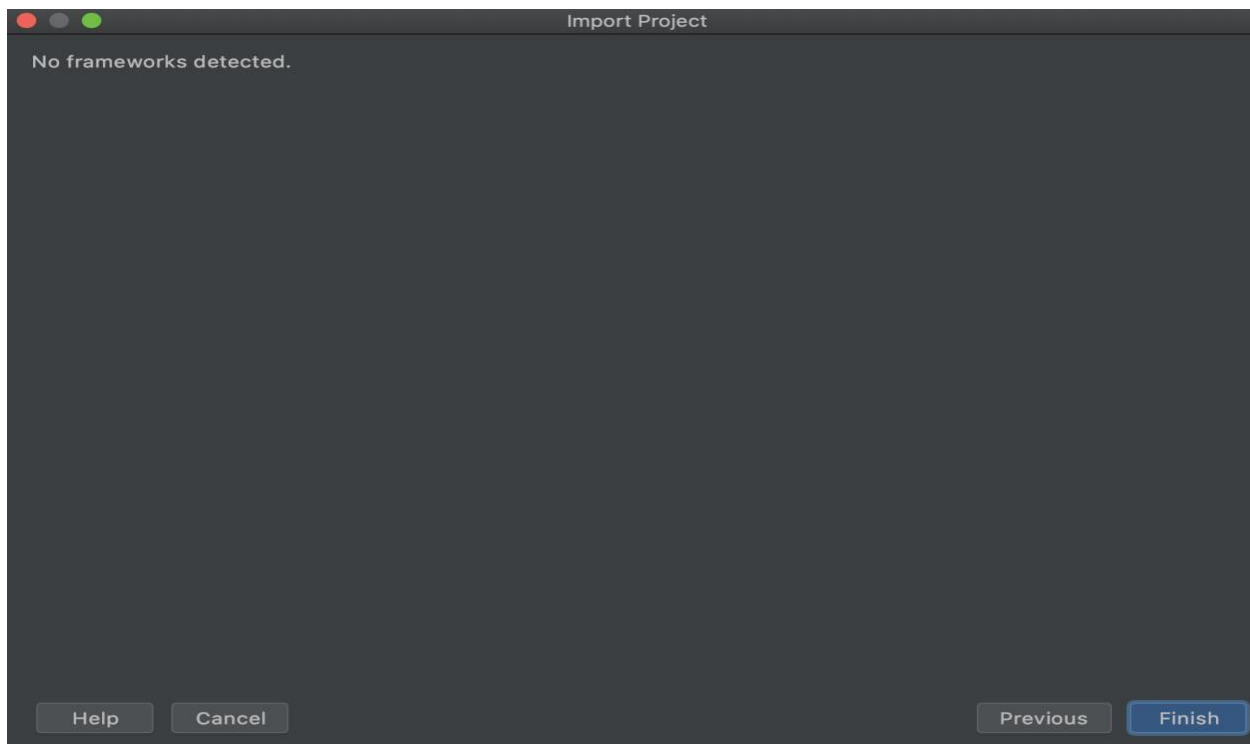
Mark both items. One is the source code folder and second folder contain source of unit tests. Then, click on “Next” button.



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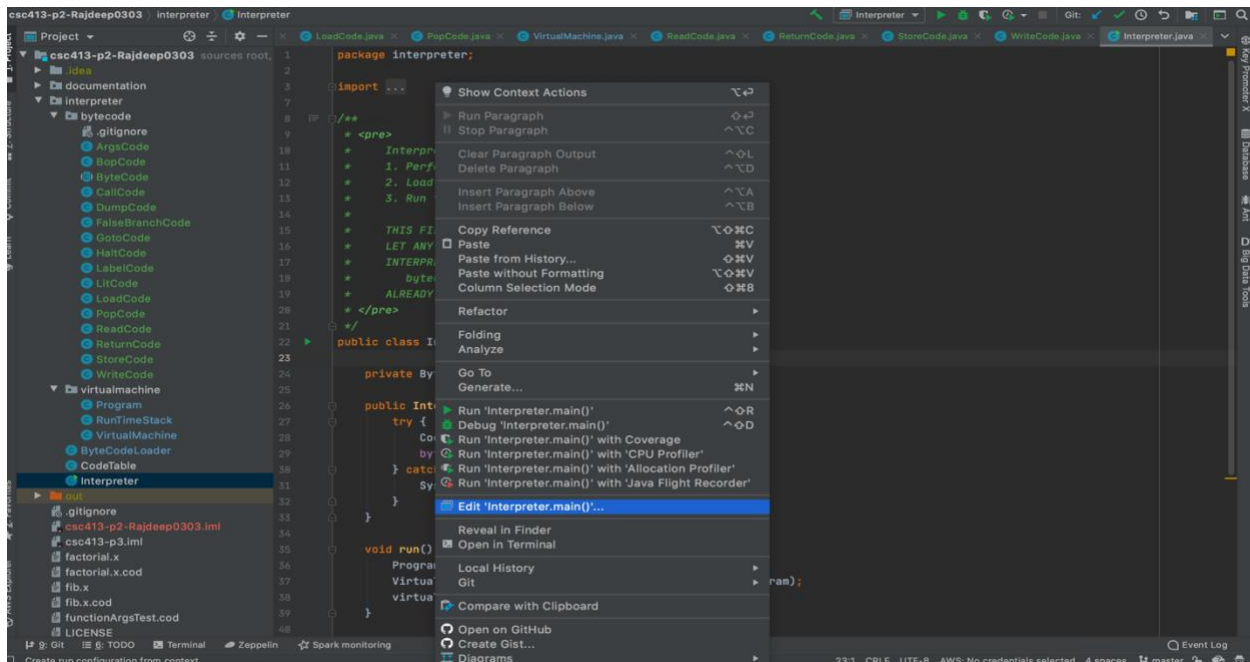


If you see a screen like this then click “Next” otherwise java JDK need to be installed before going forward. If you could not see this screen then click on + symbol on the top left. After JDK add click “Next”.

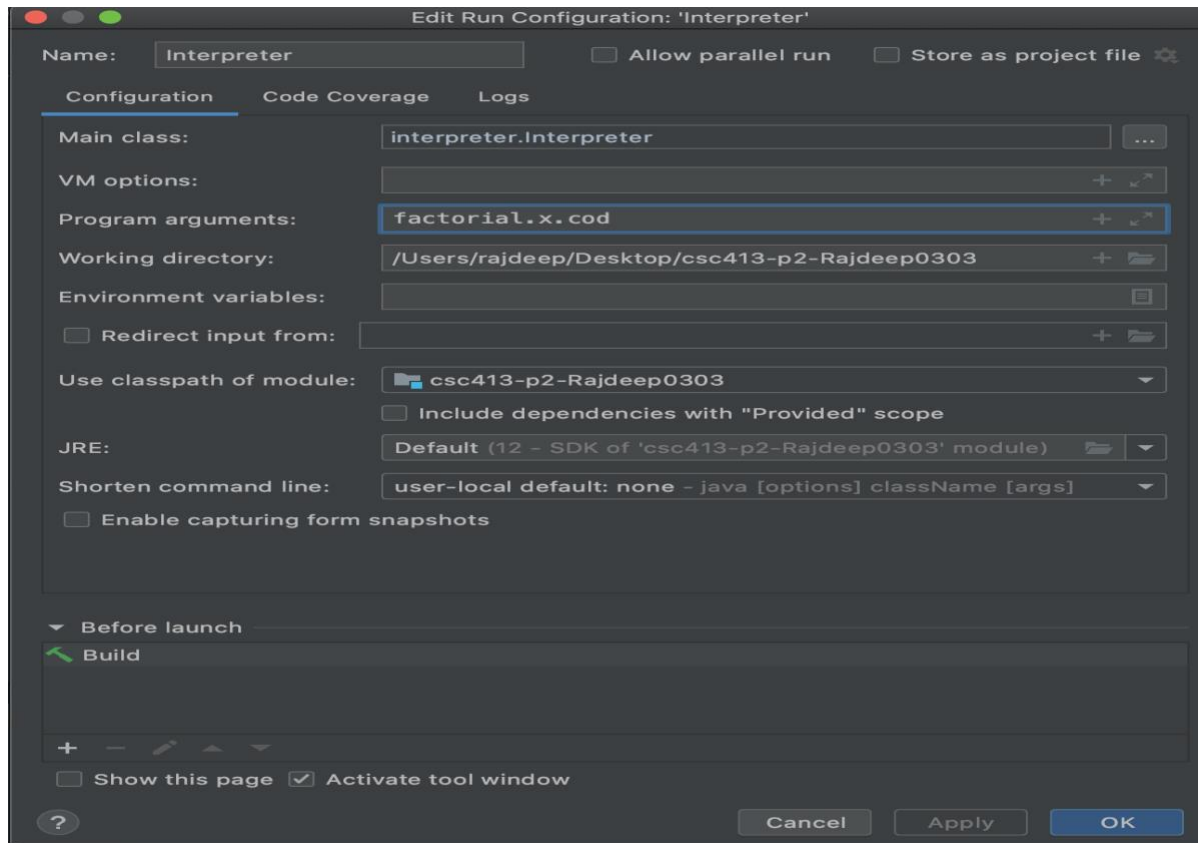


Click “Next” because this window should empty because we do not have any framework.

How to Run your Project



While the project is open in IntelliJ, click “Interpreter.main()...” Edit Configurations



- In the “Program arguments:” text field, type in “factorial.x.cod”
- Repeat steps 3-5 with “fib” for the name and “fib.x.cod” for the program arguments
- Click APPLY then OK
- In the top right corner of the IntelliJ IDEA window, click the dropdown menu and select either “fib” or “factorial”

Assumption Made

Some assumptions, I had during the project:-

- I thought, interpreter should be outputting binary numbers after GOTO.
- I assumed that the project will show the X program output.
- Byte code classes cannot call the dump method.
- Number of arguments in the source code are valid.
- Interpreter.java and CodeTable.java should not be modified.
- Some byte code classes may have init methods.
- Only need to print the integer value and result.
- Overflow have to be managed.
- Underflow do not have to be managed.
- Some classes may have additional methods or constructors.

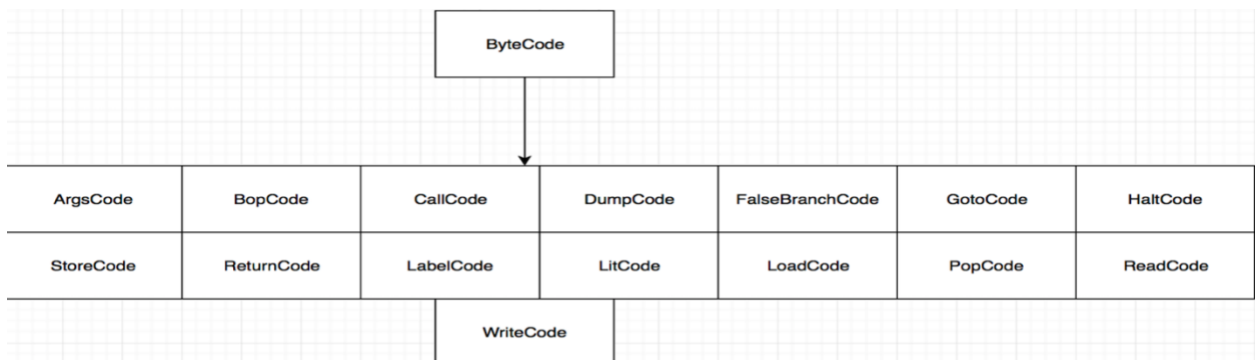
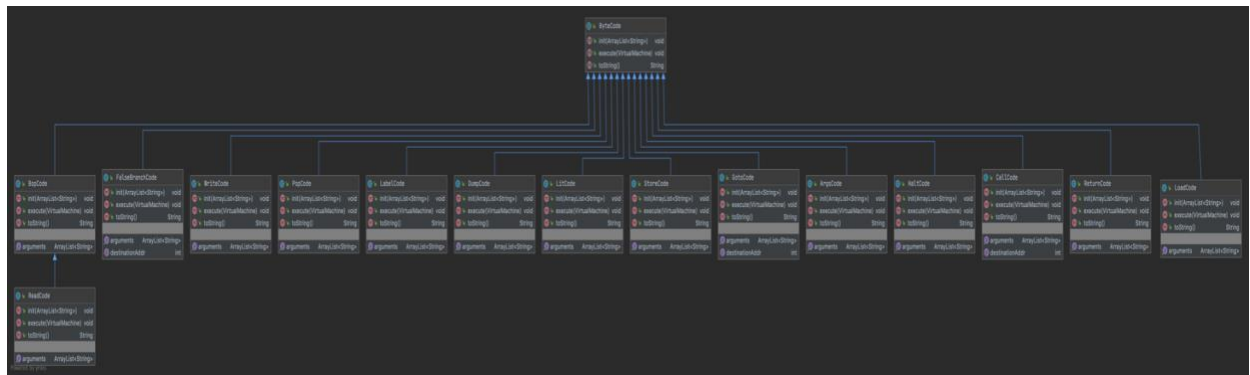
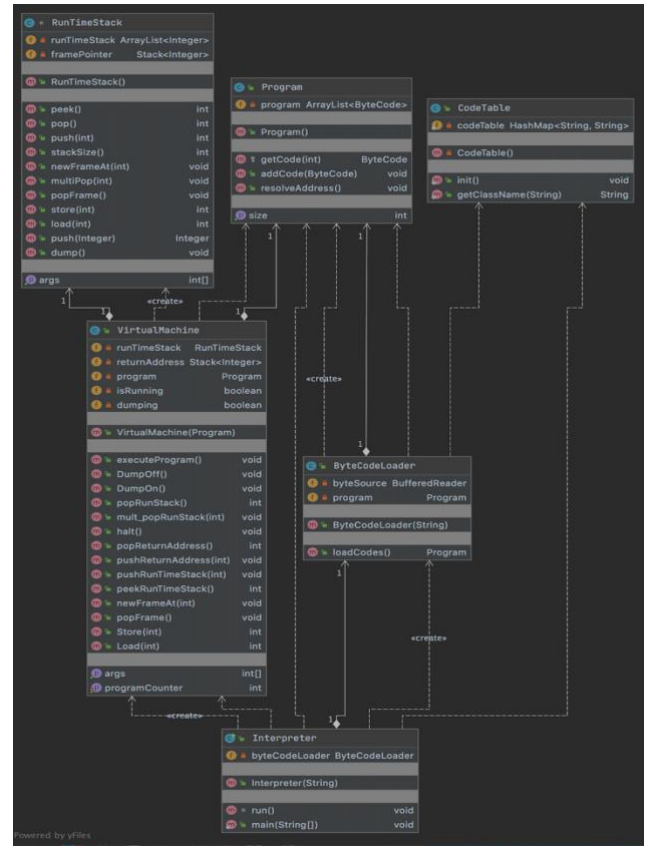
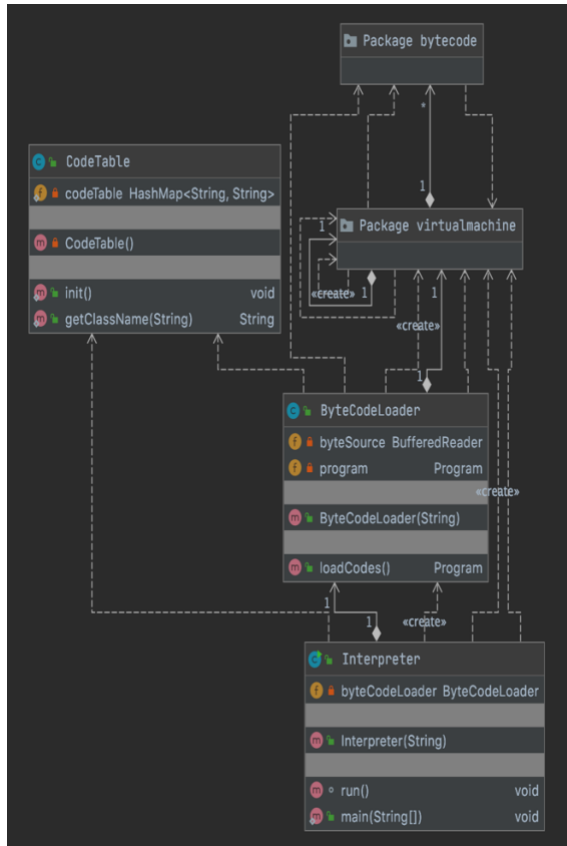
Implementation Discussion

Interpreter is the main class that starts the program. "Interpreter.java" and "CodeTable.java" classes were already implemented for us. "VirtualMachine.java" class is making the virtual machine to do all the work to run methods from RunTimeStack and executes the X program. This class is like a controller of this project. "RunTimeStack.java" class helps VirtualMachine to execute the program. No getters and setters are needed for this class. There are several functions in this class. For example, peek(), push(), dump(), push(), pop(), store(), load(), newFrameAt(), and popFrame(). "ByteCodeLoader.java" class reads the ByteCodes from the source code file. I use ArrayList to store the ByteCode. "Program.java" class where we need resolveAddress(). This resolveAddress() will resolve all the addresses of particular byte codes. This class stores all the ByteCode read from the source file.

"ByteCode.java" class has the following descriptions:-

1. ByteCode.java class initializes the functions for byte codes.
2. HaltCode.java main goal is to stop execution and it is not allowed to kill the interpreter program.
3. PopCode.java class pops the top of the stack and removes the value from the run time stack.
4. FalseBranchCode.java class pops the top of the stack. It has one argument and when nothing to pop or value is not 0 then, it moves to next byte code.
5. GotoCode.java initializes execution. It has one argument. Also, if dump is on then, it is required to be dumped.
6. StoreCode.java class pops the top of the stack. The value is stored in the offset. The offset starts from the beginning of the frame.
7. LoadCode.java class pushes the value from an offset from the current frame. The offset starts from the beginning of the frame.
8. LitCode.java class pushes the literal value. It takes one or two arguments.
9. ArgsCode.java class executes previous call byte code. It has one argument. Also, if dump is on then, it is required to be dumped.
10. DumpCode.java class is used to set the state. It is used to turn dumping ON and OFF.
11. CallCode.java class tracks the control where it is going to return and it transfers control to the indicated function.
12. ReturnCode.java class returns from the current functions. It returns zero to one argument.
13. BopCode.java class removes two values or it pops two top levels of the stack. It pushes one value.
14. ReadCode.java class reads an integer entered by user and pushes the value to the stack.
15. LabelCode.java class is a target for branches. It has one argument. It is used to address the resolution.
16. WriteCode.java class writes the value of the top of the stack and displays information to the console.

Class Diagram



Project Reflection

Working on this project since the beginning, I learn so many things though out the project. Due to difficulty of this project, I had to use the debugging skills during the project. The main problem, I was getting was to match the output to the professor output because, I was showing the labels for falsebranch and goto codes but I have to hide the addresses. I was able to implement an interpreter to execute ByteCodes of a language X. I spend lots of time on coding and debugging the program. Debugging helps me to encounter several errors. This project was very hard for me to understand, I read the pdf 4 times to better understanding. This project was my longer projects in writing code so far. I took help on the slack and some classmate to understand the project better. This project really improve my coding skills, problem solving and understanding the OOP principles due to difficulty level of the project.

Project Conclusion/Results

Overall, this project give me an excellent knowledge of slack, encapsulation, inheritance, etc. The project itself performs very well but, it take lots of time to code the four major classes that we need to implement. My interpreter successfully compiles and prints out the Byte Codes. This program displays how each byte code operate in the X program. I wish more tools and hints were provided to implement and debug the project. After debugging, I was successfully able to interpret the bytecode files (factorial.x.cod and fib.x.cod. I feel better and confident after finishing the entire project, and I have a better understanding of the OOP principles. My main focus was not to break the encapsulation within the code. I am proud that, I complete this project with all requirements given in the assignment pdf. In the last, this project was very helpful because I learned about programming in both abstract idea and technically.