# Maintenance

## Classes

I have written my program in 9 classes and an enum. These are each described below.

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| **Class Name** | **Purpose** |
| CarDealership | The class that stores the main method. This also creates the original frame that is used to hold the GUI for the entire app.  CarDealership implements ActionLister so that the actionPerformed method can be overwritten to hold all of the user interactions for the entire app and manage the different JPanels linking together. |
| Car | A blueprint for the car object, the cars will be stored in an ArrayList of these objects  Car extends SearchableObject so it can be searched. |
| Customer | A blueprint for the customer object, the customers will be stored in an ArrayList of Customers.  Customer extends SearchableObject so it can be searched. |
| Employee | A blueprint for the employee object, employees are stored in an ArrayList of Employees.  Employee extends SearchableObject so it can be searched |
| SearchableObject | A basic object that the Car, Customer and Employee classes are based off of. This only has two attributes, one for name (which is the field that will be searched) and one for type; this is where the type of the extended object is stored. |
| Type (enum) | This is the type field that I mentioned above, this enumeration only contains 3 fields: CAR, EMPLOYEE and CUSTOMER |
| Login | This is a GUI class that was designed in NetBeans, this will contain a JPanel that holds the components required to login.  Login extends JPanel so that is can be easily added to the main JFrame in the CarDealership class. |
| Menu | This is another GUI class that has been designed in NetBeans, this is a JPanel that will hold the components of the menu. 4 JButtons and a JLabel.  Menu extends JPanel so that it can be added to the main JFrame the same as adding any other JPanel. |
| Search | The Search panel is also built on netbeans GUI, this is used multiple times in the app as it is constructed with the different ArrayLists of objects to generate different search pages |
| View | The last class is the view panel, this is a GUI class that will be shown when the user clicks the view button. I will find out the type of the object by using the type enum on searchable object. |

## Methods

Below is a table showing the methods I have used in each class.

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| Class | Method | What this method does |
| CarDealership | CarDealership() | This is the constructor for the CarDealership class, this is where the initial JFrame is made and where all of the panels get added to the frame |
| CarDealership | main(String[] args) | This is where the program starts running. This only contains the code the call the above constructor wrapped in SwingUtilies.InvokeLater – this speeds up the program by only creating the mainframe after Swing as finished loading its classes. |
| CarDealership | ActionPerfromed( ActionEvent ae ) | This is where all of the user interactions are stored for when the |

## Imports

I have used multiple imports within this project these are listed below

import java.util.Scanner;

This imports the Scanner java utility which will allow me to create a Scanner object to read user input

import static java.lang.System.in;

This is a static import of System.in, this allows me to reduce my code as I no longer have to type System when using the *in* object.

import static java.lang.System.out;

This is a static import of System.out, this allows me to reduce my code as I no longer have to type System when using the *out* object.

import java.util.InputMismatchException;

This is an import of the InputMismatchException, this is used within the inputANumber class and allows me to use a try and catch to ensure that the input that the user is giving matches an integer.

import java.util.Random;

Finally I have also imported the Random java utility to allow the creation of the random object and the generation of random numbers.

## Hardware and software used

For the development of my program I used IntelliJ IDEA, this is an IDE that allows you to write Java programs is an effect environment and compile and execute them in real time. When maintaining this program you should try and use the same IDE as it was originally developed with. This means that any snippets of code should still work in the same way and you shouldn’t see differences in performance or the functionality of different methods.

IntelliJ IDEA can be downloaded from the official jet brains website [www.jetbrains.com/idea/](http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/)

The minimum requirements to open this program in IntelliJ are as follows.

* 8GB RAM
* Windows 64-bit Operating System
* JDK 7