

Homework

#2 – Part A

Survey Generator UML

Expectations:

1. Review Part B instructions
2. Review Student Code Repo UML

Goal:

1. Master UML
2. Develop solid design skills
3. Develop JAVA fluency

Your second homework assignment is a four-part assignment.

You are only going to see the first two parts now and when you complete them, we'll go over the next two parts.

Make sure you watch the video for the Part B of the assignment to fully understand what you are being asked to do in Part A.

Also, review the UML vehicleCityVersionWithUtilities.png from the Student Code Repo to get an idea of the scope of what a complete UML design looks like.

Note the number of classes, relationships between classes, method definitions, attributes and scope are all detailed.

We are expecting a similar level of detail.

For this assignment you are being asked to create a survey generator.

The goals of this assignment are to:

- Master UML
- Develop solid design skills and to
- Develop JAVA fluency

This is a very demanding project and it will require a lot of effort and a substantial amount of time.

For part A of this project, spending a just an hour or two will not be sufficient and will earn you a very low grade.

Also, note, this assignment has substantially changed from previous years. Therefore, be careful to make sure follow this year's instructions.

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Instructions

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We've all been asked to use surveys online. What we are building is a system to allow the creation and taking of those surveys.

Think of this as creating a simple system like Survey Monkey, but in a JAVA console instead of on a website.

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For example, the survey definition could be stored in MySurveyDefinition.ser and the responses could be stored in

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- two programming assignments.

For Part A, turn in a PDF or very high-resolution image (acceptable formats: jpg/png) of your UML generated from a computer program.

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If you do, bugs will be harder to find.
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Here are some general tips on File Saving and Loading.

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If you do so, chances are that when a bug arises you will have a hard time figuring out if this was cause in middle of your main code.

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