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Homework One: University Course Registration System using OOP

Classes, Objects, Inheritance, Polymorphism, Interfaces, Abstract Classes, Method Overriding, File I/O, ArrayLists, Serialization and more on Object- Oriented Paradigm

Deadline: See NYUClasses for the deadline, 15% off per day after the deadline (4 days maximum).

Learning Objectives:

- Learning how to design and engineer a software solution using the Object-Oriented Programming Paradigm (OOP)
- Practicing Abstraction, Encapsulation, Inheritance, Method Overriding, Method Overloading and Polymorphism.
- Practicing Sorting of Objects
- Practicing Abstraction (Abstract Data Types, the ArrayList class, Lists...)
- Practicing File/IO in Java
- Practicing Serialization and Binary Files in Java

Read the guidelines bellow carefully to avoid receiving a zero grade on the HW:

- Attach the Java source files and include them into HW's zip file. The file name should be **YourLastName_HW1.zip**
- Make an archive (zip file or compressed file) with all the **java files (the .java files NOT the .class files)** and post it on NYU Classes
- You must comment you code (basic comments explaining the role of a class, a method or variables used in your submission)
- Compile and run the program before you submit.
- It is your responsibility to make sure if the Zip files has your actual latest files. You may send the file to yourself by email to double check that is the actual file before you upload on NYU classes.
- **If the graders cannot open the file, you will receive a grade of zero.**
- **If you send the .class files instead of the .java files (source files) you will receive a zero.**
- An act of cheating will be severely addressed with an immediate zero on the homework and a report to the academic advisor and the administration.
- You will automatically lose 50% of the points for an exercise if the program does not compile and run correctly.
- **Plagiarized assignments will get a ZERO grade.** You cannot change the variable names of another student's solution and submit it as yours. The program structure of other students must not match yours. Every student must come up with his/her own solution. Any cheating (e.g. copying from internet without citing sources) is a serious violation of the University student code.
- **Homework sent by email to the instructor or to the graders will NOT be reviewed and will not be accepted.**

Programming Exercise

Consider the situation where you are hired as a software developer by a new university in your hometown. The university administration wants you to design and implement a **Course Registration System (CRS)**.

As we discussed in class, the very first step of software engineering is **Requirements Gathering and Analysis**.

After several meetings with your client who represents the school's administration that deals with student registration, consider the specifications mentioned below that define the requirements you need to implement:

- **Req 01:** The school shall store the following information about each course:
Course name, course id, maximum number of students registered in the course, current number of registered students, a list of names of students being registered in the given course, course instructor, course section number, course location.
- See attached MyUniversityCourses.csv file for your university data.
- **Req 02:** The system shall allow two types of users: **Admin** and **Student**
- **Req 03:** The system shall allow **the Admin** to perform the following tasks: (these are the options that will be in their menu that will be displayed your program when the administrator logs in)

Courses Management

1. **Create a new course**
2. **Delete a course**
3. **Edit a course** (this will allow the admin to edit any information on the course except for course ID and name)
4. **Display information for a given course** (by course ID)
5. **Register a student** (this option will allow the admin to add a student without assigning to a course check Req 11 for student's information – *Hint: You might need to have an ArrayList of Students where you store Student objects*)
6. **Exit**

Reports

1. **View all courses** (for every course the admin should be able to see the list of course name, course id, number of students registered, and the maximum number of students allowed to be registered)
2. **View all courses that are FULL** (reached the maximum number of students)
3. **Write to a file the list of course that are Full**
4. **View the names of the students being registered in a specific course**
5. **View the list of courses that a given student is being registered on** (given a student first name and last name the system shall display all the courses that students is being registered in)

6. **Sort** courses based on the current number of student registers
7. Exit

- **Req 04:** The system shall allow **the student** to perform the following tasks:

Course Management

1. **View all courses**
2. **View all courses that are not FULL**
3. **Register on a course** (in this case the student must enter the course name, section, and student full name, the name will be added to the appropriate course)
4. **Withdraw from a course** (in this case the student will be asked to enter her/his student name and the course, then the name of the student will be taken off from the given course' list)
5. **View all courses that the current student is being registered in**
6. Exit

During your design meeting with your team you agreed to adopt the following design:

- **Req 05:** Define an *Interface* for admin class that will have the methods' signatures that will be used by the Admin
- **Req 06:** Define an *Interface* for a student class that will have the methods' signatures that will be used by the student.
- **Req 07:** Both classes **Admin** and **Student** inherit from a class named **User**.
A user should have at least the following class members: username, password, first name, and last name (You will need to decide on the methods a User's class that could be inherited or overridden by the student and the admin class)
- **Req 08:** At the beginning of launching the program, you will need to read all the courses information from the comma delimited file ***MyUniversityCourses.csv*** into an **ArrayList of Course Objects**.
Notice that initially the number of students registered is zero
The student list is null (there are not students registered in the class at the beginning)
- **Req 09:** For simplicity assume that there is one Admin in the program.
The username and password for the admin are: **Admin** and **Admin001**
- **Req 10:** You do not need to follow this Req.10, you can come up with your own design, that is just as one possibility. At the start of the program, the user is asked to check if they are a student or an admin then if the user is admin, she/he will be asked to enter the username and password. Same applies for student.
- **Req 11:** a student class should have a username, password, first name and last name at least.
You will need to decide on how to keep track on student's courses if needed. You might need to decide on how to store a list of students.

▪ Req 12: **Serialization**

Serializing an object allows the programmer to convert the state of that object into a byte stream that can be reverted back into a copy of the object. A Java object is serializable if its class or any of its superclasses implements either the `java.io.Serializable` interface or its subinterface, `java.io.Externalizable`. Deserialization is the process of converting the serialized form of an object back into a copy of the object. You will need to use Serialization to store an object permanently (in this assignment's case it could be used to store the ArrayLists of Student object and the ArrayList of the courses object). Deserialization will be used to read the files where you stored the objects, so you can use them again in your program. When the program exists, you will need to write the latest copy of the ArrayLists or the object you are using into your program into the serialized binary file. The moment you launch your program, you will need to read the files to initiate your objects in your program.

In Chapter One under the class website, you will find a sample example of serialization and reading from a file using Java.

Here more resources on Serialization:

<http://beginnersbook.com/2013/12/how-to-serialize-arraylist-in-java/>
<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jndi/objects/serial.html>

Non-Functional Requirements:

Explain in no more than two pages, the overall design of your software. You can use any format you want (UML diagrams, diagrams similar to the UML, or hand-written design...). The design will specify the classes and interfaces that are being used in your program, the relationships between these classes and any other important detail in your design. You may want to also include the workflow of your program (e.g. when the user logs in then a specific menu is being displayed then....)

In a word document, you will need to briefly explain how you used these concepts into your program. You will need to provide examples from your code. Please be as brief as possible.

- Method overloading
- Method overriding (at least two examples)
- Abstract Class
- Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Encapsulation
- The concept of ADT (Abstract Data Types)

It is important to note that you must come up with your own design on how you will fulfill all the requirements mentioned for this homework. Please make sure you make your own assumptions for the

specific details on implementation and the menu option for both the admin and the student, and the way you read from the file and populate your array lists. You can design and implement whatever makes sense to you as long as it responds **ALL the requirements** mentioned in this homework.