

Task Management System

Project Overview

Complexity: Medium

Time Estimate: 10 hours

Technology Stack: Java 21 (LTS), IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition

Build a **console-based Project/Task Management System** where users can create projects, add and assign tasks, record task completion status, and calculate completion averages.

This lab focuses on **core Java programming** and **object-oriented principles** while storing all data **in-memory using arrays** (no databases or external dependencies).

The lab serves as the foundation for the multi-week Project Management series.

Future labs will gradually enhance this base — replacing arrays with **collections**, adding **file persistence**, and integrating **user authentication** and **reporting dashboards**.

Learning Objectives

By completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Understand how to design a simple **console-based application** using **core Java**.
- Apply **object-oriented programming principles** (encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism) to represent **projects, tasks, and users**.
- Use **Java arrays, loops, and conditional structures** to manage and manipulate data in memory.
- Define and extend **classes, abstract classes, and interfaces** to promote clean, reusable designs.
- Demonstrate **method overloading** and **method overriding** to implement flexible and polymorphic behaviors.
- Design simple **menu-driven console interfaces** with structured user input validation.
- Compute project completion percentages by aggregating data from arrays of task statuses.
- Lay the groundwork for future enhancements, where arrays will evolve into **Java Collections** and file-based data storage.

System Features Overview

Your **Project/Task Management System** should support the following five core features:

Feature 1: Project Catalog Management

- Create new projects (e.g., SoftwareProject, HardwareProject).
- View all existing projects with details (ID, name, description, team size, budget, etc.).
- Filter projects by type (software/hardware).
- Display project-specific attributes dynamically.

Feature 2: Task Operations

- Add tasks to specific projects.

- Assign task status (Pending, In Progress, Completed).
- View all tasks per project with progress details.
- Update or delete tasks.
- Validate inputs to prevent invalid task status or duplicate task names.

Feature 3: User Management

- Create and manage system users (RegularUser and AdminUser).
- Assign users to projects or tasks.
- Enforce role-based access (Admin can delete/update; Regular can view/add).
- Automatically generate unique user IDs.

Feature 4: Status Processing & Reporting

- Calculate and display completion averages per project.
- Generate status reports (e.g., "Project Alpha is 75% complete").
- Display task statistics: total, completed, and pending counts.
- Show per-user performance summaries (future expansion).

Feature 5: Menu Navigation & User Experience

- Display a clear **main menu** and **sub-menus** for operations.
- Validate all user inputs (numbers, text, IDs).
- Provide formatted outputs with clear sections and alignment.
- Support graceful exit and return navigation.

Console UI Examples

Below are examples of how the console interface should look when the system runs.

1. Main Menu

```
1  

2      JAVA PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
3


4
5  Current User: Alice Johnson (Admin)
6
7  Main Menu:
8  -----
9  1. Manage Projects
10 2. Manage Tasks
11 3. View Status Reports
12 4. Switch User
13 5. Exit
14
15 Enter your choice: _
16
```

2. Project Catalog Display

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```
1  

2      PROJECT CATALOG
3


4
5  Filter Options:
6  1. View All Projects (5)
7  2. Software Projects Only
8  3. Hardware Projects Only
9  4. Search by Budget Range
10
11 Enter filter choice: 1
12
13
14 | ID | PROJECT NAME | TYPE | TEAM SIZE | BUDGET |
15 |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
16 | P001 | Alpha Tracker | Software | 5 | $15,000 |
17 |      | Description: Task tracking app for startups |
18 |-----|-----|-----|-----|
19 | P002 | IoT Sensor Kit | Hardware | 3 | $10,000 |
20 |      | Description: Sensor prototype for smart devices |
21 |-----|-----|-----|-----|
22 Enter project ID to view details (or 0 to return): _
23
```

3. Project Details View

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```
1  

2      PROJECT DETAILS: P001
3


4
5  Project Name: Alpha Tracker
6  Type: Software
7  Team Size: 5
8  Budget: $15,000
9
10 Associated Tasks:
11
12 | ID | TASK NAME | STATUS |
13 |-----|-----|-----|
14 | T001 | Design Database | Completed |
15 | T002 | Implement API | In Progress |
16 | T003 | Write Unit Tests | Pending |
17 |-----|-----|-----|
18 Completion Rate: 33%
19
20 Options:
21 1. Add New Task
22 2. Update Task Status
23 3. Remove Task
24 4. Back to Main Menu
25
26 Enter your choice: _
27
```

4. Add Task

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1  

ADD NEW TASK


2
3
4
5  Enter task name: Implement UI
6  Enter assigned project ID: P001
7  Enter initial status (Pending/In Progress/Completed): Pending
8
9  ✓ Task "Implement UI" added successfully to Project P001!
10
```

5. Update Task Status

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```
1  Enter task ID: T002
2  Enter new status: Completed
3
4  ✓ Task "Implement API" marked as Completed.
5
```

6. Status Report Display

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PROJECT STATUS REPORT


2
3
4
5  _____
6  PROJECT ID | PROJECT NAME      | TASKS | COMPLETED | PROGRESS (%)
7  _____
8  P001       | Alpha Tracker       | 4     | 3         | 75%
9  P002       | IoT Sensor Kit      | 2     | 1         | 50%
10 _____
11 AVERAGE COMPLETION: 62.5%
12 _____
13
```

7. Input Validation Examples

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```
1  Enter project ID: XYZ
2  ✗ Error: Invalid input. Please enter a valid numeric or prefixed ID (e.g., P001).
3
4  Enter task status: Done
5  ✗ Error: Invalid status. Please choose from [Pending, In Progress, Completed].
6
7  Enter team size: -3
8  ✗ Error: Team size must be greater than 0.
9
10 Enter again: 5
```

11 ✓ Project successfully created.
12

Expected User Workflows

Workflow 1: Complete Task Assignment Journey

1. User logs into system.
2. System displays the main menu.
3. User selects "Manage Projects."
4. User adds a new project ("Alpha Tracker").
5. User adds tasks under that project.
6. User updates task statuses.
7. System calculates completion average.
8. User views report.

Workflow 2: Project Discovery

1. User selects "Browse Projects."
2. Filters by Software Projects.
3. Views detailed project info.
4. Adds a new related task.
5. Returns to main menu.

Workflow 3: Task Management

1. User opens "Manage Tasks."
2. Views tasks for selected project.
3. Updates task status.
4. Deletes outdated tasks.
5. System recalculates progress.

Workflow 4: Status Reporting

1. User opens "View Status Reports."
2. System displays all projects with completion percentages.
3. User compares project progress and returns to menu.

User Stories

Epic 1: Project Catalog Management

US-1.1: Browse Projects

As a user

I want to view all available projects with their details

So that I can understand ongoing work.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Display all projects with ID, name, type, and budget.
- Show team size and description.
- Support filtering by project type.

Technical Requirements:

- Create abstract class `Project` with:
 - Private fields: `id`, `name`, `description`, `budget`, `teamSize`.
 - Abstract method `getProjectDetails()`.
 - Concrete method `displayProject()`.
- Implement subclasses `SoftwareProject` and `HardwareProject`.
- Store projects in an array (minimum 5).

US-1.2: Search Projects by Budget Range

As a user

I want to search projects within a specified budget range

So that I can filter based on funding.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Input min and max budget.
- Show projects within range or "No projects found."
- Validate numeric inputs.

Technical Requirements:

- Use comparison operators and loops.
- Use conditionals to check valid range.
- Display formatted output using `System.out.printf()`.

Epic 2: Task Operations

US-2.1: Add Task to Project

As a user

I want to add tasks under a project

So that I can track progress effectively.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Assign unique task IDs.

- Specify task name and initial status.
- Prevent duplicates.

Technical Requirements:

- Create `Task` class with fields: `id`, `name`, `status`.
- Implement interface `Completable` with method `boolean isCompleted()`.
- Store tasks in an array within each project.

US-2.2: Update Task Status

As a user

I want to update the status of a task

So that progress reflects accurately.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Select task by ID.
- Choose from allowed statuses.
- Update and display success message.

Technical Requirements:

- Use loops to locate task in project's task array.
- Use enums or constants for valid statuses.
- Apply encapsulation with proper setters/getters.

Epic 3: User Management

US-3.1: Create User Profiles

As a system

I want to create different user roles

So that permissions can vary.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Create `RegularUser` and `AdminUser` classes.
- Assign auto-generated unique IDs.
- Display user role when logged in.

Technical Requirements:

- Abstract `User` class with fields `id`, `name`, `email`, `role`.
- Use static counter for ID generation.
- Apply inheritance and polymorphism for role behavior.

Epic 4: Status Processing & Reporting

US-4.1: Calculate Project Completion Average

As a system

I want to calculate how many tasks are completed per project

So that I can show progress percentage.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Display total tasks, completed tasks, and percentage.
- Handle projects with zero tasks.
- Round percentages to 2 decimals.

Technical Requirements:

- Use arithmetic and conditional operators.
- Iterate task arrays to count completions.
- Store computed percentages temporarily for reporting.

Epic 5: Menu Navigation & Application Control

US-5.1: Display Main Menu

As a user

I want to navigate through clear menu options

So that I can easily use the system.

Acceptance Criteria:

- Display menu options numbered (1–5).
- Validate choice.
- Loop until exit chosen.

Technical Requirements:

- Use `Scanner` for input.
- Implement menu with `switch` or `if-else`.
- Wrap in `do-while` loop for continuous running.

Project Structure

```
1 project-management-system/
2 |
3 |— src/
4 |   |— Main.java           # Application entry point
5 |   |— models/
6 |       |— Project.java    # Abstract base class
7 |       |— SoftwareProject.java # Concrete project type
8 |       |— HardwareProject.java # Concrete project type
9 |       |— Task.java       # Task model
10 |      |— User.java        # Abstract user base
11 |      |— RegularUser.java # Concrete user type
12 |      |— AdminUser.java  # Concrete user type
```



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13 | | | └─ StatusReport.java          # Status report generation
14 | | |
15 | | └─ interfaces/
16 | |   └─ Completable.java        # Interface for completion logic
17 | |
18 | | └─ services/
19 | |   └─ ProjectService.java      # Project operations
20 | |   └─ TaskService.java        # Task operations
21 | |   └─ ReportService.java      # Reporting logic
22 | |
23 | | └─ utils/
24 | |   └─ ConsoleMenu.java        # Menu handling
25 | |   └─ ValidationUtils.java    # Input validation
26 | |
27 | └─ docs/
28 |   └─ class-diagram.png
29 |   └─ design-decisions.md
30 |
31 | └─ README.md
32 |

```

Implementation Phases

Phase 1: Foundation Setup (1–2 hours)

Tasks:

- Install JDK 21 and IntelliJ IDEA.
- Create project folder structure.
- Implement `Project` and `User` base classes.
- Test object creation with sample data.

Deliverables:

- Working environment.
- Abstract base classes created.
- Sample data printed successfully.

Phase 2: Core Logic Development (2–3 hours)

Tasks:

- Implement `Task` and `Completable`.
- Add `SoftwareProject` and `HardwareProject` subclasses.
- Implement task addition, updates, and completion calculation.

Deliverables:

- Working project–task relationship.
- Completion logic functioning.

Phase 3: User Interface Integration (2–3 hours)

Tasks:

- Implement console menu and navigation.
- Handle user inputs and validations.
- Display formatted project/task lists.
- Integrate reporting logic.

Deliverables:

- Fully interactive console app.
- All user stories functional.

Phase 4: Documentation & Finalization (1 hour)**Tasks:**

- Create `README.md` with setup and usage guide.
- Add class diagram and OOP design rationale.
- Final testing and code cleanup.

Deliverables:

- Complete documentation.
- Clean, well-commented codebase.

Minimum Requirements Checklist

- ☐ JDK 21 and IntelliJ installed
- ☐ At least 2 project types implemented
- ☐ At least 2 user types implemented
- ☐ Minimum 5 sample projects created
- ☐ Use of arrays for storage
- ☐ Encapsulation applied to all models
- ☐ Abstract classes & interfaces implemented
- ☐ Polymorphism demonstrated
- ☐ Input validation implemented
- ☐ Completion percentage calculation working
- ☐ Console navigation functional
- ☐ README and documentation included

Grading Rubric

	Criteria	Points	Excellent (90–100%)	Good (75–89%)	Satisfactory (60–74%)
1	Development Environment & Basics	10	JDK 21 & IntelliJ setup perfect; excellent use of arrays, loops, conditionals	Setup functional, few issues	Basic setup but missing validations
2	Classes, Objects & Encapsulation	20	Well-structured classes; perfect encapsulation; clear constructors	Mostly encapsulated, minor design issues	Basic encapsulation; incomplete constructors
3	Inheritance & Polymorphism	20	Strong hierarchies for Project/User; clear overriding; polymorphic reporting	Proper inheritance with limited polymorphism	Minimal inheritance demonstration
4	Abstract Classes & Interfaces	20	Clear abstract contracts (Project, User, Completable) implemented correctly	Proper but limited use of abstractions	Basic implementation; partial understanding
5	Functionality & Code Quality	20	All user stories working; clean code; readable formatting; complete testing	Most features working; well-organized	Core logic functional; partial validation
6	Data Structures & Algorithms (DSA)	10	Excellent use of arrays and simple algorithms (search/sort); efficient iteration; clear logic flow with awareness of complexity	Proper array operations; some inefficiencies but logical structure	Basic array handling; repetitive or inefficient logic
7	Total	100			

Submission Requirements

Required Deliverables:

- Public **GitHub Repository** containing:
 - All source code under `/src`

- README.md with setup steps
- UML diagram and design rationale
- **Documentation** must include:
 - Setup and run instructions
 - Feature summary mapped to user stories
 - Class diagram showing inheritance and relationships
 - Explanation of OOP design choices

Submission Link:

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Testing the Application

Test Scenario 1: View Projects

- Run application
- Select option 2 (View Projects)
- Verify all created projects display with correct details (Project ID, Name, Type, Completion %)
- Check that Software and Hardware projects are listed separately
- Verify total projects count displays correctly
- Confirm data is retrieved from the in-memory array

Test Scenario 2: Add Software Project

- Select option 1 (Add Project)
- Choose "Software Project" type
- Enter project details (name, description, duration, budget)
- Verify unique project ID generated (e.g., PRJ001, PRJ002)
- Confirm project appears when viewing all projects
- Ensure data is stored correctly in the array

Test Scenario 3: Add Hardware Project

- Select option 1 (Add Project)
- Choose "Hardware Project" type
- Enter details as prompted
- Verify project is stored with type = "Hardware"
- Check ID auto-increments from previous project ID
- Verify total count updates correctly

Test Scenario 4: Add Task to Project

- Select option 3 (Add Task)
- Choose a project ID to associate task with
- Enter task details (Task Name, Assigned To, Status, Hours)

- Verify task is added under correct project in array
- Confirm Task ID auto-generates (e.g., TSK001, TSK002)

Test Scenario 5: View Tasks

- Select option 4 (View Tasks)
- Enter a valid Project ID
- Verify all tasks display with correct information (Name, Status, Hours)
- Check completed and pending tasks are labeled properly
- Confirm "No tasks found" message for projects with none

Test Scenario 6: Update Task Status

- Select option 5 (Update Task Status)
- Enter valid Task ID
- Change status from "Pending" to "Completed"
- Verify update reflects in project task list
- Confirm array data structure updated correctly

Test Scenario 7: Calculate Completion Percentage

- Select option 6 (Calculate Project Completion)
- Enter valid Project ID
- Verify correct completion % based on completed vs total tasks
- Ensure calculated result displays with two decimal places
- Test with all tasks complete and all tasks pending

Test Scenario 8: Handle Invalid Inputs

- Enter invalid menu option (e.g., 10)
- Verify program displays "Invalid option" message
- Enter non-numeric input where number expected
- Verify application prompts user to re-enter correctly
- Confirm program does not crash

Test Scenario 9: ID Auto-generation

- Create multiple projects and tasks
 - Verify sequential Project IDs (PRJ001, PRJ002, etc.)
 - Verify sequential Task IDs (TSK001, TSK002, etc.)
 - Confirm IDs remain unique after multiple runs within same session
-