

Creative Project 0: Search Engine

Full Specification



This assignment is intended to be a review and warm-up for CSE 123. It will require you to use the skills and concepts that you should be familiar with from your prior programming experience. It will also serve as an introduction to your first IDE, Visual Studio Code. This is designed to help everyone review and practice the programming skills that will be necessary to succeed in CSE 123. While we don't necessarily expect everyone to find this assignment *easy*, if you find yourself having major difficulties with any of the content, please contact the course staff to get support!

Learning Objectives

By completing this assignment, students will demonstrate their ability to:

- Write functionally correct Java programs that meet a provided specification using compound data types
- Write functionally correct Java classes to represent new, compound data types
- Identify errors in a Java program's state or behavior, and implement fixes for identified errors
- Use the Visual Studio debugger to go through a program line by line

Background

[Search engines](#) are powerful tools used to help users find information relevant to their needs among very large sets of documents (most often the World Wide Web). While web-based search engines date back to at least the early 1990s, they become more widely used in the mid-90s as both the size and usage of the Web increased. In 1998, Google launched its search engine based on the [PageRank](#) algorithm and almost immediately became the dominant engine, a status which it maintains to this day, with almost 90% of all web searches taking place on Google.

While search engines are generally very large and complex systems, at their core, they rely on two key operations: [indexing](#), which makes the vast amounts of data being searched easier and more efficient to work with; and [ranking](#), which tries to identify which results are most relevant to the user. Users interact with a search engine by entering a [query](#), or a sequence of words or tokens that represent what they are looking for (such as `best coffee near me` or `wireless headphones` or `British adventure novels`). The query is used to identify relevant documents in the index, which are then presented to the user in order of rank.

In this assignment, you will implement simple versions of the indexing, ranking, and query operations to build a basic search engine for media (books, movies, etc.).

Assignment Structure

For this assignment, we have broken down the larger problem of building the search engine into a series of smaller problems, each presented on its own coding slide. Apart from the debugging activity, we recommend you proceed through each slide in sequence, then combine the results you produce together in the "Search Engine" slide. However, you are also welcome to complete all your work in the Debugging and Search Engine slides themselves. Regardless of which approach you take, ***be sure to upload all of your code to the Debugging and Search Engine slide, as only work on those slides will be graded.***

Debugging

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The Book Class

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Here is the provided `Media` interface for reference:

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- Creates a book with the provided title, list of author(s), and content in the given `Scanner`.

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toString

In addition to the methods required by the interface, your `Book` class should include a `toString()` method to produce a readable string representation. If the book has zero ratings, the string representation should be:

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The average rating should be rounded to at most two decimal places *in the string representation only*. (The `getAverageRating` method should return the actual average without rounding.)

Comparable<Book>

Finally, your `Book` class should implement the `Comparable<Book>` interface, and you should implement *a comparison algorithm of your choice*. **Your comparison must make use of at least one method or field of the `Book` class**, but can otherwise work in any way you see fit. You may wish to keep in mind that we will ultimately be creating a search engine, so comparing media in a way that the ones most likely to be relevant to a search appear first might be useful, but this is not required (and would be challenging without knowing the search terms).

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Finally, we'll put the pieces together into our simplified search engine by implementing a way to get only the documents that are relevant to a user's search.

To earn an **E** on this assignment, you must implement the following inside the `SearchClient` class:

Search

For your creative extension, write a method in the `SearchClient` class called `search` that takes two parameters: an index in the format created by your `createIndex` method and a `String` representing the query for the search. Your method should return a set consisting of the media in the index that are relevant to the search query based on *any criteria of your choice*. **Your search criteria must make use of the index and query somehow**, but beyond that, the specific approach is up to you. The set returned from the `search` method should be a `TreeSet` to make use of the ordering based on the implementation of the `Comparable` interface in the media classes (e.g., your `Book` class).



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Implementation Guidelines

As always, your code should follow all guidelines in the [Code Quality Guide](#) and [Commenting Guide](#). In particular, pay attention to these requirements and hints:

- You should avoid re-implementing the functionality of already existing methods by just calling those existing methods.
- You should make all of your fields private, and you should reduce the number of fields to only those that are necessary for solving the problem.

- Each of your fields should be initialized inside of your constructor(s).
- You should comment your code following the [Commenting Guide](#). You should write comments with basic info (a header comment at the top of your file), a class comment for every class, and a comment for every method other than main.
 - Make sure to avoid including *implementation details* in your comments. In particular, for your object class, a *client* should be able to understand how to use your object effectively by only reading your class and method comments, but your comments should maintain *abstraction* by avoiding implementation details.
- Any additional helper methods created, but not specified in the spec, should be declared ***private***.

Feeling Stuck?

While we expect this assignment to be review, it's still OK if you find this assignment a bit challenging! Remember that learning is a challenging process, and you don't have to do it alone!

- You can visit the [Introductory Programming Lab \(IPL\)](#) to talk with a TA about programming concepts or get help on assignments.
- You can stop by [instructor office hours](#) to discuss course concepts or get help on assignments, or discuss the course in general.
- You can post questions on the [discussion board](#)! You can make questions public (anyone can see them) or private (only course staff can see them). This is a great way to asynchronously get help on an assignment or ask questions about the course.

It is OK to get stuck and feel challenged by this assignment. However, note that this is intended to be a warm-up for the type of programming we will be doing for the rest of the quarter, and the tasks we will be solving in future weeks will be more complex than these problems and rely on a solid grasp of the skills practiced in this assignment. If you feel like you cannot do this assignment at all, we recommend reaching out to the course instructor (brettwo@cs.washington.edu) or the CSE undergrad advisors (ugrad-adviser@cs.washington.edu) to discuss more about academic planning and which programming course might be a good fit for your goals.

Submission

When you are ready to submit, go to the " Final Submission " slide, read the statement, and fill in the box, then click "Submit" in the upper-right corner. You may submit as many times as you want until the due date.

You can see your previous submissions by clicking the three dots icon in the upper-right and selecting "Submissions and Grades." By default, we will grade your latest submission from before the deadline. However, if you would like us to grade a different submission, you can select that submission on the left side of the window and click "Set final." Note that we will not grade any submission made after the deadline-- if you mark a submission after the deadline as final, we will grade your most-recent on-time submission instead.

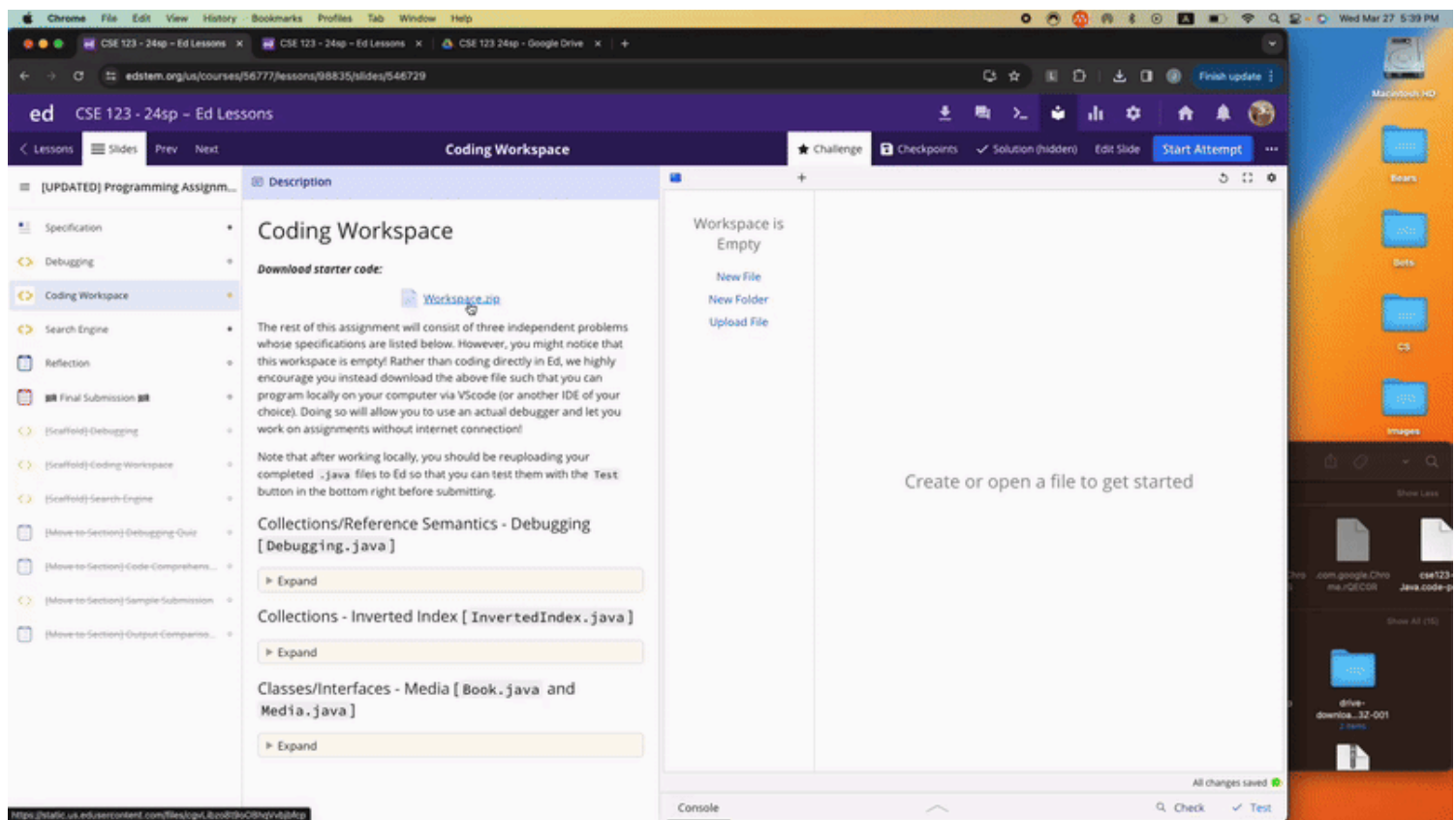
Please make sure you are familiar with the resources and policies outlined in the [syllabus](#) and the [assignments](#) page.

Opening Code in VSCode

The general process we're expecting you to follow when working on and submitting HW assignments is slightly different from previous courses now that you have an IDE (VSCode)! You should

1. Download the provided `.zip` file
2. Find it in `Finder` / `File Explorer`
3. Unzip it to get the folder with relevant files.
4. In VSCode, click `File > Open Folder`, and select the recently unzipped folder to open it!

This process is outlined in the following `.gif` (mac shown, but the process would be the same for windows with File Explorer)



Then, once you've finished, you should re-upload your code by copy-pasting or drag-dropping the files back into Ed! At this point you can run tests via the `Test` button.

The image shows a dual-screen setup. On the left, a web browser displays the EdStem 'Coding Workspace' interface for a course 'CSE 123 - 24sp - Ed Lessons'. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation links like 'Specification', 'Debugging', 'Coding Workspace', 'Search Engine', 'Reflection', and 'Final Submission'. The main content area is titled 'Coding Workspace' and contains instructions for downloading a starter code file ('Workspace.zip') and working on three independent problems. Below the instructions are sections for 'Collections/Reference Semantics - Debugging [Debugging.java]', 'Collections - Inverted Index [InvertedIndex.java]', and 'Classes/Interfaces - Media'. A 'Workspace is Empty' message is also visible.

On the right, a VS Code editor window is open, showing a Java file named 'Testing.java'. The code includes imports for JUnit and AssertJ, and defines a 'Testing' class with two test methods: 'firstCaseTest()' and 'secondCaseTest()'. The 'firstCaseTest()' method tests an 'InvertedIndex' with a list of documents. The 'secondCaseTest()' method tests a 'Book' class with its getters. The VS Code interface also shows an 'EXPLORER' sidebar with a file tree containing 'Book.java', 'Debugging.java', 'InvertedIndex.java', 'Media.java', and 'Testing.java'. A 'LIVE SHARE: SESSION DETAILS' panel is also visible.

Spec Walkthrough

An error occurred.

Unable to execute JavaScript.

[GRADED] Debugging



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Hopefully, you've had a chance to complete the [Software Setup](#) for this course. If not, no worries—you'll want to finish that first before moving on with this slide.

Once you have set up the Visual Studio "IDE" (integrated development environment – an application that helps you code), download and open the file below. You will have to determine the correct code needed to unlock the query by using the debugger.

Download starter code:



[C0_Debugging.zip](#)



NOTE: You should only need to update `line 30` of the provided file: `unlock("00000");` to the defusal code you determine using the VSCode debugger!



WARNING: We're trying our best to encourage you to use the VSCode debugger here, so you may find that `println`s don't actually print anything! This is expected behavior :)

[This Debugger Guide](#) (linked on the website) will help guide you through the process!

After you've used the VS Code Debugger to crack the code, you should upload your completed `QueryCracker.java` file to Ed so that you can test with the `Test` button in the bottom right before submitting.

[NOT GRADED] Media



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Download starter code:



[C0_Media.zip](#)

This is the first of two slides where you will implement the beginning parts of your assignment. However, you might notice that this workspace is empty! Rather than coding directly in Ed, we highly encourage you to instead download the above file such that you can program locally on your computer via VScode (or another IDE of your choice). Doing so will allow you to use an actual debugger and will let you work on assignments without internet connection!

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[NOT GRADED] Inverted Index



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[C0_InvertedIndex.zip](#)

To get started, download the zip file above, and paste in your implementation of `Book.java` from the previous slide.

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NOTE: The tests for your `createIndex` implementation are tied to a working `Book` implementation. This means that you should be passing all `Book` tests before moving on to implementing `createIndex`!



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Inverted Index

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Most of the work has been done for you here, but you'll have to integrate your implementations from the helper slides. This will involve 3 main steps:

1. Paste your implementation of `Book` within `Book.java`
2. Paste your implementation of `createIndex` @ line 44

Then, fill in the method in the `SearchClient` class called `search` (located at line 48) that takes two parameters: an index in the format created by your `createIndex` method and a String representing the query for the search.



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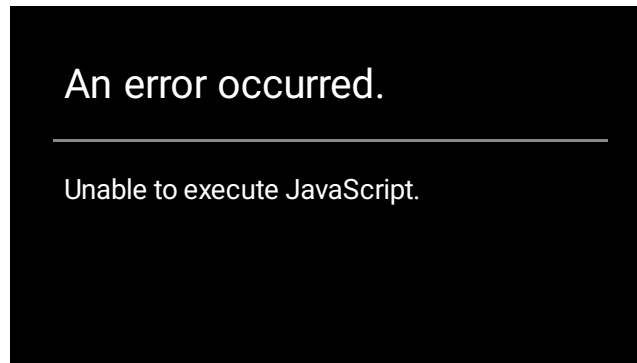
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You can hit `Check (not Test)` to see a descriptive output of running your tests in `Testing.java`.

Reflection

For this week's reflection, we would like everyone to watch and engage with the following video.

Step 1: Watch [The moral bias behind your search results | Andreas Ekström](#) (9m 19s)



Question 1

Step 2: Write your own comment below, responding to one of the following prompts in its entirety:

Prompt 1: At Google, who's responsibility do you think it is to come up with moral rules and judgements surrounding search engine ranking results as described in the video? (Executives, managers, software engineers, other). Do you think that they should have that power / responsibility and why? If not, who do you think should have this responsibility?

Prompt 2: Do you think search engine providers (Google, Bing, etc.) have an obligation to remind their users that "unbiased, clean search results" can't truly exist as mentioned within the video? Why? If you do think so, are they currently acting on that obligation? Why might that be the case?

Prompt 3: How do you feel about the video's claim that software reflects the biases of the programmer? Do you agree / disagree? Why? Give an example of a biased program / application in your day-to-day life.

Please label which prompt you are answering. For full credit, all questions within a prompt must be clearly answered. In particular, we suggest using the ACE (answer, cite, and explain) format. For a meaningful response, it may be helpful to pose some counterexamples, connect in terms of your own experience, add additional support from course materials, and be as specific as possible in your own reasoning

Question 2

Step 3: The following questions will ask that you practice **metacognition** to reflect on the topics covered on this assignment and your experience completing it. For each question, focus on your plan and/or process for working through the assignment along with the CS concepts. Think about things like how you organized your working time, what sorts of things tended to go wrong, and how you

dealt with those errors or mistakes.

What skills did you learn and/or practice with working on this assignment?

Question 3

What did you struggle with most on this assignment?

Question 4

What questions do you still have about the concepts and skills you used in this assignment?

Question 5

About how long (in hours) did you spend on this assignment? (Feel free to estimate, but try to be close.)

Question 6

Was any part of the specification or requirements unclear? If so, which part(s), how was it unclear, and how could it have been made more clear?

Question 7

[OPTIONAL] Do you have any other feedback, questions, or comments about this assignment?

(Note that we may not be able to respond to questions here, so please post on the message board if you would like a response!)

Final Submission

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Fill out the box below and click "Submit" in the upper-right corner of the window to submit your work.

Question

I attest that the work I am about to submit is my own and was completed according to the course [Academic Honesty and Collaboration](#) policy. If I collaborated with any other students or utilized any outside resources, they are allowed and have been properly cited. If I have any concerns about this policy, I will reach out to the course staff to discuss *before* submitting.

(Type "yes" as your response.)