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Exercise Sheet 1

Submit until Tuesday, October 29 at 4:00pm

Exercise 1 (5 points)

Please register at our course system Daphne (using your RZ Account + password for authentication). Make sure that your data is correct, in particular, that you are reachable under the specified e-mail address.

Exercise 2 (10 points)

Extend the InvertedIndex class from the lecture by two methods intersect and processQuery.

The method *intersect* should compute the intersection of two given inverted lists, as explained in the lecture.

The method *processQuery* should compute the ids of all records containing all words from a given query, as explained in the lecture.

For each method, write a unit test for a non-trivial input (with > 2 query words for processQuery).

Write a main program SearchMain that uses your extended InvertedIndex class to build an inverted index from a given text file (as shown in the lecture), and then answers arbitrary keyword queries entered by the user. For each query, output at most 5 records containing the query words. If you want, highlight the query words in the output, e.g. using ANSI escape codes.

You find a code design suggestion + some more implementation advice for this exercise on the Wiki. These suggestions are language-independent, and the corresponding files end in .H. You should consider these suggestions, but you do not have to follow them. Think twice when you deviate from them though. There is usually quite a bit of thought and a lot of programming experience behind our suggestions.

Exercise 3 (5 points)

Check out a working copy of your folder in the SVN repository of the course (see URL on your Daphne page), add your code to a new sub-directory *exercise-sheet-01*, and commit it. Make sure that everything runs through without errors on Jenkins (compiler, unit tests, checkstyle).

Also commit, in that sub-directory, a text file *experiences.txt* where you briefly describe your experiences with the first exercise sheet and the corresponding lecture. As a minimum, say how much time you invested and if you had major problems, and if yes, where.