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Cleaner CDK Code #4: inheriting JavaDoc from super classes and interfaces

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When you write a class implementing an interface or extending a super class, it is often the case that the API is identical. It would be nice to inherit the JavaDoc documentation, which is possible.

Inheriting JavaDoc

Java method that overwrite a superclass method or implement an interface method, can inherit JavaDoc by including this JavaDoc for that method:

```
/** {@inheritDoc} */
@TestMethod("testGetMIMEType")
public String getMIMEType() {
  return null;
}
```

The JavaDoc documentation notes that missing @param and @return values are inherited implicitly since JavaDoc 1.3, but I have never noticed this in Java6. The above *explicit* markup is confirmed to work.