

## Morpho - Bug #2095

### AbstractDataPackage - entity array not initialized automatically

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#### Description

This was discovered while writing a plugin for morpho - it doesn't affect how morpho runs at the moment - but may cause complications in future if not addressed

Under some circumstances, for a datapackage with 1 or more entities, a call to the AbstractDataPackage getEntityCount() method returns zero (0), and a call to dataPackage.getEntityName(0) returns "No such entity!"

The reason is that the "entityArray" variable is not initialized until a call is made to the getEntityArray() method. Therefore, as a temporary workaround for my plugin, I called getEntityArray() before calling getEntityName(0)

#### SUGGESTED FIX -

1) ensure that all methods within AbstractDataPackage call getEntityArray() instead of just using the global "entityArray" variable

2) ensure that subclasses do the same, by making "entityArray" private instead of protected

(The plugin code can be seen in the jalama cvs module, under jalama/src/edu/ucsb/nceas/jalama/entrypoint/morpho/OpenUIGenCommand.java, within the method: private String getUniqueID\_EML(int i )

#### History

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