

CSE 250

Data Structures

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Lec 02: Java Refresher

Announcements and Feedback

- Make sure you are on Piazza
- Academic Integrity Quiz due 2/2 @ 11:59PM **(MUST GET 100%)**
- PA0 due 2/2 @ 11:59PM **(MUST GET 100%)**
- WA1 - Coming Monday

Why Java?

- **Strongly Typed Language:** The compiler helps make sure you mean what you say
- **Compiled Language:** Can run it anywhere, see the impacts of your data structure choice and data layout
- **You know it (hopefully):** You learned the basics in 116

Hello World

```
1 package cse250.examples;
2
3 class MainExample {
4     /**
5      * Main function
6      * @param args The arguments to main
7      */
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         System.out.println("Hello World");
10    }
11 }
```

Hello World

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1 package cse250.examples;  
2  
3 class MainExample {  
4     ...  
5 }
```

- All code in Java lives in a class
 - In general each class will be in its own .java file
- Classes are organized into packages
 - Think directories...

Hello World

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```

- Single line comments in Java start with //
- Multi line comments in Java start with /* and end with */
- Javadoc comments start with /**

Hello World

```
1 public static void main(String[] args)
```

- `public` - the function can be called by anyone (instead of `private`)
- `static` - the function isn't tied to a specific object
 - To call this function we would write `MainExample.main(...)`
- `void` - the functions return type (in this case it doesn't return anything)
- `main` - the function name
- `String[] args` - the parameter list
 - In this case, a single parameter with the type array of `String`

Hello World

1	<code>System.out.println("Hello World");</code>
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- `System` refers to `java.lang.System`
- `System.out` is the `out` field of `System`
- `System.out.println` is a function that prints a line of text
- Semicolons (`;`) are mandatory

Exceptions

```
1 public List<String> loadData(String filename) {  
2     List<String> ret = new ArrayList<String>();  
3     BufferedReader input =  
4         new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filename));  
5     String line;  
6     while( (line = input.readLine()) != null ) {  
7         ret.add(line);  
8     }  
9     return ret;  
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java: unreported exception java.io.IOException; must be caught or declared to be thrown

What are Exceptions

They are a way to catch an error when something goes horribly wrong!

So what do you do?

Catching Exceptions

```
1 public List<String> loadData(String filename) {  
2     try {  
3         BufferedReader input =  
4             new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filename));  
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Try something that isn't
guaranteed to work....

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...and "catch" the exception in
case something goes wrong

Passing Along Exceptions

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2     throws IOException // Communicate the explosive potential
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If your function does not handle the exception itself, then you need to let the outside world know something might go wrong

Coding Style is IMPORTANT!!

```
1      class neatClass
2  {
3      public static void
4      doSomething(String wowwww)
5      {
6      String weee = "Yes";
7      // this is definitely a for loop
8      for (q : wowwww)
9          System.out.println(q);
10         System.out.println(weee);
11     }
12 }
```

What the heck is going on here!?

Naming

Use variable names that summarize the variable's role or contents, ie:

- username: a string containing a users login name
- nextNode: a pointer to the next node in a linked list
- data: the contents of an ArrayList
- leftChild: a pointer to the left child of a BST

** also make sure the names stay up to date as you change your code...*

Indentation/Spacing

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```

Consistent spacing helps the reader more quickly understand the structure of the code

Comments

```
1 // this is definitely a for loop
```

This comment doesn't actually tell us anything useful (we can clearly see that what follows is a for loop...)

Comments should provide info that's **not** already present in the code

- Assumptions you have made when writing the code
- References to documentation/citations
- Clean descriptions of any non-obvious math
- The reasoning behind the chosen solution (especially if it is not the "obvious" way)

Brackets/Braces

1	<code>for (q : wowwww) System.out.println(q);</code>
---	--

Java supports one-line for loops. This is a really nifty and easy way to...introduce bugs into your code.

ALWAYS USE BRACES!

Ways to Succeed when Coding

- **NEVER** start with code
- What do you have to start with? How is it organized?
 - Draw pictures
 - Try examples on paper
- What do you want the result to be? How should it be organized?
 - DRAW MORE PICTURES/EXAMPLES
- Now figure out how the given input and desired output relate
 - Connect your drawings/diagrams
- Break down bigger problems into smaller ones as needed

Ways to Obtain Assistance

- Explain what you've tried
 - Which test cases fail (and if you don't have test cases, make them!)
 - What approaches have you tried and how do they break
- Explain **what** it is you want to accomplish, and **why** you want to
 - Make sure we have all the context
- Follow coding style guidelines!

If you don't feel comfortable with Java...

Remember: Don't start with coding, you should already have plenty of pictures/examples/ideas before coding

If you bring us (mostly working) pseudocode, the course staff will happily help you translate it to Java

If you don't feel comfortable with Java...

Typical Questions:

- **Syntax Questions** (eg: How do I break out of a for loop?)
 - Ask on Piazza, Office hours, etc
 - We can give a very direct answer (ie: you can use the **break** keyword)
- **Semantics Questions** (eg: How do I insert an item into a linked list?)
 - Still ask the question!
 - ...but the answer will generally not involve code

Many of the "syntax" questions we get are actually about semantics

Basic Debugging

Live Demo

Unit Testing

- When we write code we make a lot of assumptions
 - Often statements of the form [piece of code] should [do a thing]
 - The computer does not know about these assumptions...unless...

Unit Testing

- Tests allow us to encode our assumptions in a way that the computer can understand **and** automatically check
- Phrases like "[piece of code] should [do a thing]" can become a unit test
- A typical unit test will:
 - Set up a *minimal* input
 - Invoke the code you want to be tested
 - Test the output/program state to make sure it matches your assumptions

JUnit

```
1 package cse250.examples.debugging;
2
3 import org.junit.Test;
4 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
5
6 public class BreakItDownTest {
7     ArrayList<FarmersMarket> data = BreakItDown.readMarkets(/*...*/ );
8
9     @Test
10     void shouldCount75BakedGoods() throws IOException {
11         int count = BreakItDown.countTheBakedGoods(data);
12         assertEquals("Incorrect number of baked goods counted", 75, count);
13     }
14 }
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← Import the junit package so you can use its functionality

JUnit

```
1 public class BreakItDownTest {  
2     ...  
3 }
```

- Test cases go in normal class files
- Usually they will be in a separate directory (test instead of src)

JUnit

```
1  @Test
2  void shouldCount75BakedGoods() throws IOException {
3      int count = BreakItDown.countTheBakedGoods(data);
4      assertEquals("Incorrect number of baked goods counted", 75, count);
5  }
```

- Test cases are *any* normal function, labeled with the @Test annotation
 - Function name does not matter (should still follow good coding style)
 - The return type should be void
 - The function *may* throw exceptions

JUnit

```
1 assertEquals("Incorrect number of baked goods counted", 75, count);
```

Your tests should include one or more assertions

- This is how you encode your assumptions
- Use them to check:
 - The output of functions you just called
 - The state of data structures after function calls
 - That exceptions are thrown when expected
- The message is optional **but highly suggested!**

JUnit

Live Demo

JUnit Advice

- Keep individual test cases (and their inputs) small
 - Try to focus on tests that just test ONE of your functions
 - Tests that test multiple functions working together are still important, but not that useful if you don't have the small ones working first
- If you are stuck, describe your code out loud
 - If you ever find yourself saying: "well this part should...", make sure you have a test that confirms that
- At first, try not to think about implementation details
- Write plenty of your own tests, **don't just rely on ours**