CS151 Intro to Data Structures

Java Basics

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Administrivia

- Course website
 - BMC-CS-151.github.io
 - Assignments and lab instructions, syllabus

• Piazza:

- Asynchronous communication
- Can post anonymously (anonymous just to classmates)
- Answer your peers questions!
 - Counts for participation grade
- Gradescope:
 - Submit all assignments
 - Can request re-grade requests

Schedule

- Assignments <u>due on Thursdays</u> released on Sundays
 - 20 points deducted each day. After two days, the submission window will be closed.
- Lab Park 231/M 2:40pm-4:00pm (After class)
 Attendance required
- Midterm: March 4th (Wednesday before Spring break)
- Final Exam: self scheduled

AI Disclaimer!

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- Homeworks: 35%
- Labs: 5%
- Midterm: 20%
- Final: 35%
- Participation: 5%

Course Staff

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Course Staff

- •Office hours Park 231:
 - Monday 8-10pm
 - Tuesday 8-10pm
 - Wednesday 6-10pm
 - Thursday 6-10pm
 - Friday 10-12am (professor)



Dr. Elizabeth Dinella

- 1st year at BMC
- Recent Penn Grad: (PhD thesis neural inference of program specifications)
- Office Hours: Friday 10-11am (zoom)
- Research:
 - Program Analysis
 - Machine Learning
 - Web3 Security

First Things

- CS server account
 - Make sure you can log in
 - Email David Diaz if encountering issues (ddiaz1@brynmawr.edu)

- Lab00: ideally completed already, getting up and running with vim and linux
- Lab attendance is required.
- Software: vim, Java, or just ssh

Outline

- Data Types
- Objects
- String review
- Input (Scanner)
- OOP (Inheritance)
- File I/O, Exceptions
- Not reviewing:
 - Methods
 - Loops

An Example Program



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Java: A compiled language

- Java program in .java (source code)
- Compiler create .class file (byte code)
- Java Virtual Machine (JVM) execute the code

Java Basics

- Name of main class and file must agree
 - class Driver <--> Driver.java
- Compilation
 - javac Driver.java
- Execution
 - •java Driver

Components of a Java Program

- Statements are placed in *methods*, that belong to class definitions.
- The static method named main is the first method to be executed when running a Java program.
- Any set of statements between the braces { and } define a program block.

Base/Primitive Types

- Variables must have types
 - base type
- Types define memory used to store the data

• Primitives:

	lives:		boolean flag = true ;
	boolean	a boolean value: true or false	boolean verbose, debug;
	char	16-bit Unicode character	char grade = $'A'$;
	byte	8-bit signed two's complement integer	byte b = 12;
	short	16-bit signed two's complement integer	short $s = 24$;
	int	32-bit signed two's complement integer	int i, j, k = 257;
	long	64-bit signed two's complement integer	long $I = 890L;$
	float	32-bit floating-point number (IEEE 754-1985)	float pi = 3.1416F;
	double	64-bit floating-point number (IEEE 754-1985)	double $e = 2.71828$, $a = 6.022e23$;
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Classes and Objects

- Classes are blueprints, objects are instance of the classes
- A class defines:
 - instance variables what the object stores
 - Methods how the object functions
- Every variable is either a primitive or a reference to an object

Counter Example

What are the consequences of Objects as references?

• Simple Counter DEMO

More Complex Counter Example

Let's code!

Access Control Modifiers

- public:
 - designates that all classes may access
- •private:
 - designates that access is granted only to code within that class.
- protected:
 - child classes may access
- •static
 - associates a variable/method with the class as a whole, rather than with each individual instance of that class

javadoc comments

• Comments

- /* */
- / /

• A style/format of commenting for auto-generation of documentation in html

/** */

• used for method headers and classes

Example

/**

- * returns the sum of two integers
- * @param x The first integer
- * @param y The second integer
- * @return int The sum of x+y
 */

int sum(int x, int y)

Casting – convert the type

• More coding :)

Equality - More coding :)

String class methods

- charAt(int *index*)
 - Returns the character at the specified index
- equals (String *anotherString*)
 - Compares a string to a specified object
- indexOf(char c)
 - Returns the index value of the first occurrence of a character within the input string
- indexOf(String *str*)
 - Returns the index value of the first occurrence of a substring within the input string
- length()
 - Returns the number of characters in the input string
- substring(int *startIndex*, *int endIndex*)
 - Returns a new string that is part of the input string
- toLowerCase()
 - Converts all the characters to lower case
- toUpperCase()
 - Converts all the characters to upper case
- String concat (String *anotherString*)
 - Concatenates with anotherString and returns it

Parsing!

• Coding!

How do we Output?

- •System.out.println()
- •System.out.print()

How do we take Input?

More code!

Exceptions – way to deal with unexpected events during execution

- Unexpected events:
 - unavailable resource
 - unexpected input
 - NPE
 - AOB

How do we deal with exceptions?

. . .

try { guardedBody } catch (exceptionType1 variable1) { $remedyBody_1$ { catch (exceptionType, variable) { remedyBody₂

How do we deal with exceptions?

Back to our example code!

Printing Objects

code!

What you should know/review

- variables
- expressions
- operators
- methods
 - parameters
 - return value
- conditionals
- for/while loops

- class design and object construction
 - instance variables
 - constructor
 - getters/setters
 - class methods
 - new
- arrays
- arrays of objects
- String

What you don't know

- Read the manuals/references
 - Unix commands (flags, usage, examples)
 - Java methods (parameters/overloading)
- Google but with judgement
- AI Disclaimer
- Trial-and-Error is a fundamental method of problem-solving
- The ability to tinker is a fundamental engineering/CS skill