Week 4 - Friday

COMP 2000

Last time

- What did we talk about last time?
- Creating your own exceptions
- Throwing exceptions
- Exceptions and inheritance

Questions?

Project 1

Hoare's consequence rule

- Hoare's consequence rule says that a method can override a parent method as long as:
 - Its parameters are broader (or the same)
 - 2. Its return value is narrower (or the same)
 - Think of exceptions thrown as things that can be "returned" too
- In other words, it will take even more kinds of input but will give back fewer kinds of output

Exceptions example

```
public class Vehicle {
  public Trip ride(String destination) throws
     CrashException, NauseaException {
    return new Trip(destination);
  }
}
```

Narrower

```
public class Hel.copter extends Vehicle {
  @Override
  public HelicopterTrip ride(String destination) throws
      HelicopterCrashException {
      return new HelicopterTrip(destination);
   }
}
```

Review

Java basics

- Primitive types: byte, char, short, int, long, float, double, boolean
- Operations: +, -, *, /, %, and shortcut versions
- Case sensitivity
- White space doesn't (usually) matter
- Three kinds of comments
- Arrays

Control structures

- Selection
 - if
 - switch
- Loops
 - while
 - do-while
 - for
 - Enhanced for
- break and continue: don't use them

Enhanced for loops

- Used to iterate over the contents of an array (or other collection of data)
- Similar to for loops in Python
- The type must match the elements of the array (or other collection)
- Syntax:

```
for(type value : array) {
   // Statements
   // Braces not needed for single statement
}
```

Objects and methods

- Static methods do work but are not connected to objects
- Reference types are arrows to objects
 - More than one arrow can point at a single object
- Objects contain
 - Members
 - Methods
- Objects should be compared with the equals() method instead of ==

Classes

- In addition to holding static methods, classes are template for objects
- Members (data) are usually private
- Methods (actions) are usually public
- Special kinds of methods:
 - Constructors specify how an object should be initialized
 - Accessors (getters) specify how an object can give back information
 - Mutators (setters) specify how an object changes data inside itself
- Static variables live in the class, not in an object (and shouldn't be used)
 - Unless they are constant (final)

Enums

- An enum is a special kind of class that has pre-defined constant objects
- These objects are intended to represent a fixed collection of named things:

```
public enum Day {
   SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
   SATURDAY
}
```

- Individual days can be referenced like static variables: Day.MONDAY or Day.FRIDAY
- Since enum values are constants, it's convention to name them in ALL CAPS
- In addition to int, char, and String values, enums can be used for cases in switch statements

Packages

- To organize classes, they are often inside of packages
- This approach allows to tell the difference between two different classes with the same name that are in different libraries
- Packages correspond to folders with the same names
- Most packages are inside of other packages
- The default package (no package) should not be used for professional programming
- To use classes from other packages, import them:
 - import java.util.Scanner; or
 - import java.util.*;

Interfaces

Interface basics

- An interface is a set of methods which a class must have
- Implementing an interface means making a promise to define each of the listed methods
- It can do what it wants inside the body of each method, but it must have them to compile
- A class can implement as many interfaces as it wants

Interface definition

- An interface looks a lot like a class, but all its methods are generally empty
- Interfaces have no members except for (static final) constants

```
public interface Guitarist {
    void strumChord(Chord chord);
    void playMelody(Melody notes);
}
```

Interfaces

- Many interfaces only have a single method
- Consider the following example:

```
public interface NoiseMaker {
   String makeNoise();
}
```

- To implement this interface, a class must:
 - State that it implements the interface
 - Have a public, non-static method called makeNoise() that takes no parameters and returns a String

Example classes

Here are classes that implement NoiseMaker:

```
public class Pig implements NoiseMaker {
    public String makeNoise() {
          return "Grunt!";
public class Explosion implements NoiseMaker {
    public String makeNoise() {
          return "BOOM!";
public class Wind implements NoiseMaker {
    public String makeNoise() {
          return "Woosh!";
```

Default methods

- As of Java 8, interfaces can also have default methods
- The interface expects you to implement these methods, but if you don't, a default implementation is provided

```
public interface Punchable {
    default boolean wantsPunch() { // Default
        return false;
    }
    void getPunched(Punch punch); // Abstract
}
```

Interfaces can extend other interfaces

- Like classes, you can use inheritance to extend an interface
- When you do so, the child interface gets all of the required methods from the parent interface
- It can also reference the constants and static methods within the parent interface
- Consider the following interface:

```
public interface Defender {
   boolean blockWithShield(Attack attack);
}
```

Child interface

We can make a child interface from **Defender** using the **extends** keyword

```
public interface NinjaDefender extends Defender {
   boolean parryWithKatana(Attack attack);
}
```

- This interface contains the blockWithShield() abstract method as well as the parryWithKatana() abstract method
- A class that implements this interface must have both

Inheritance

Inheritance

- The idea of inheritance is to take one class and generate a child class
- This child class has everything that the parent class has (members and methods)
- But you can also add more functionality to the child
- The child can be considered to be a specialized version of the parent

Subclass relationship

- Java respects the subclass relationship
- If you have a **Vehicle** reference, you can store a **Car** object in that reference
- A subclass (in this case a Car) is a more specific version of the superclass (Vehicle)
- For this reason, you can use a Car anywhere you can use a Vehicle
- You cannot use a Vehicle anywhere you would use a Car

Extending a superclass

 We use the extends keyword to create a subclass from a superclass

```
public class Car extends Vehicle {
  private String model;
  public Car(String s) { model = s; }

  public String getModel() { return model; }

  public void startEngine() {
    System.out.println("Vrooooom!");
  }
}
```

A Car can do everything that a Vehicle can, plus more

Subclass example

 As long as Car is a subclass of Vehicle, we can store a Car in a Vehicle reference

```
Vehicle v = new Car("Lancer Evolution"); // okay
```

Even in an array is fine

```
Vehicle[] vehicles = new Vehicle[100];
for( int i = 0; i < vehicles.length; i++ )
  vehicles[i] = new RocketShip(); // cool</pre>
```

Storing a Vehicle into a Car doesn't work

```
Car c = new Vehicle(); // gives error
```

Constructors

- A child class has to create a version of the parent class "inside" itself
- Consequently, the first line of a child class constructor is reserved for a call to the parent constructor
- If the parent has a default constructor (with no arguments), no call is necessary
- Otherwise, a call to the parent constructor must be made by using the keyword super, followed by parentheses and the arguments passed to the parent constructor

FoieGras class

- The FoieGras class extends Food and consequently must call the Food constructor as the first thing in its constructor
- The FoieGras constructor can be completely different from the Food constructor as long as it calls the Food constructor correctly

```
public class FoieGras extends Food {
  private int grams;

public FoieGras(int grams) {
    super("Foie Gras", 462*grams/100);
    this.grams = grams;
  }
}
```

protected keyword

- In addition to public and private modifiers, the protected keyword is meaningful in the context of inheritance
 - Methods and members that are public can be accessed by any code
 - Methods and members that are private can only be accessed by methods from the same class
 - Methods and members that are protected can be accessed by code in the same package and by methods of any classes that inherit from the class
- Hard-core OOP people dislike the protected keyword since it allows child classes to fiddle with stuff that they probably shouldn't

Adding to existing classes is nice...

- Sometimes you want to do more than add
- You want to change a method to do something different
- You can write a method in a child class that has the same name as a method in a parent class
- The child version of the method will always get called
- This is called overriding a method

Dynamic binding

- All normal Java methods use dynamic binding
- This means that the most up-to-date version of a method is always called
 - It also means that the method called by a reference is often not known until run-time
- Consider a class Wombat which extends Marsupial which extends Object
- Let's say that Wombat, Marsupial, and Object all implement the toString() method

How to think about inheritance

- Every object has a copy of its parent object inside (which has its parent inside, and so on)
- All methods from the class and parents are available, but the outermost methods are always chosen
 - If a class overrides its parent's method, you always get the overridden method

```
Wombat

Marsupial Object

toString()
getName() hasPouch()
```

The final keyword

- As you know, the final keyword is used to mark both member variables and local variables as constant
- final can be applied to methods and classes as well
- A final method cannot be overridden by a child class
- A final class cannot be extended at all
- String is an example of a final class
 - You can't extend String to make your own special kind of String!
 - We want String behavior to be totally consistent

Abstract methods

- All methods in interfaces are, by default, abstract
- An abstract method is only the signature of a method, not its definition
- Abstract methods end with a semicolon instead of a body defining what they do
- Any class that wants to implement the interface must complete all its abstract methods
- You can put abstract methods in classes, but
 - The method must be marked with the abstract keyword
 - The class must be abstract too

Abstract classes

- An abstract class is one that can't be instantiated
- It's intended to be the basis for inherited classes
- It's kind of like an interface in that it can contain abstract methods
 - But you can put regular methods in an abstract class
 - And member variables!
- An abstract class gives you a framework but not all of the implementation

Abstract class example

The Polygon abstract class makes a foundation for polygons:

```
public abstract class Polygon {
 private final int sides;
 public Polygon(int sides) {
    this.sides = sides;
 public final int getSides() {
    return sides;
 public abstract double getArea();
 public abstract double getPerimeter();
```

instanceof keyword

- Sometimes it's useful to know the true type of an object
- You can use the instanceof keyword to see if the type of an object inherits from a particular class
- Syntax (produces a boolean):
 - object instanceof Class
- An instanceof is almost always in an if statement:

```
Object object = getRandomObject();
if(object instanceof Hurricane)
   System.out.println("You can call me slurricane.");
```

More on instanceof

- instanceof doesn't tell you if an object is a particular class
- Instead, it tells you if it is that class or inherits from it
- Consider an object of type Whiskey, which inherits from Alcohol, which inherits from Beverage (which inherits from Object)

```
Object object = new Whiskey();
if(object instanceof Whiskey)
                                     // true
 System.out.println("Whiskey!");
if(object instanceof Alcohol)
                                     // true
 System.out.println("Alcohol!");
if(object instanceof Beverage)
                                     // true
  System.out.println("Beverage!");
if(object instanceof Object)
                                     // true
  System.out.println("Object!");
if(object instanceof String)
                                     // false
  System.out.println("String?");
```

getClass() method

- For situations where you need to know if the type of an object matches exactly, you can use its getClass() method
- This returns a Class object, which you can compare using == to the name of a type followed by .class

Exceptions

Exceptions

- Instead of checking every method, Java has a general way of handling errors (and other exceptional situations)
- The name for this system is exception handling
- When an error happens, code will throw an exception
 - Throwing an exception usually means something went wrong
- A special block of code catches the exception
- When you catch an exception, you can
 - Deal with the problem and move on
 - Throw the same (or a new) exception and make someone else deal with it

Catching an exception

- The risky() method has a chance of destroying the world
- If the world is destroyed, execution will jump into the **catch** block

```
try {
 System.out.println("About to do something risky!");
 risky();
 System.out.println("That was worth it!");
catch (WorldDestroyedException e) {
 System.out.println("Whoops. We destroyed the world.");
```

Multiple catch statements

- If a some code can cause many different exceptions, you can use multiple catches to handle them
- When a problem happens, execution will jump to the first catch that matches

```
try
  useNumber(100 / divisor);
  getHoney();
  stayUpAllNight();
catch (ArithmeticException e) {
  System.out.println("We divided by zero!");
catch (BeeStingException e) {
  if (allergic)
     System.out.println("We're dying!");
  else
     System.out.println("Youch!");
catch (ExhaustedException e) {
  System.out.println("*YAWN*");
```

A finally block

- If an exception is thrown, the remaining code inside a try won't be executed
- If an exception isn't thrown, none of the catch blocks will be executed
- If you want code that is executed no matter what, it can be put in a finally block after all the catch blocks
- finally blocks are often used to do clean-up so we're sure it gets done
 - Things like closing files or network connections

The throws keyword

 If a method doesn't want to catch a (checked) exception, it must be marked as throwing that exception with the throws keyword

```
void pet(Goat goat) throws GoatBiteException {
  goat.touch(); // can throw GoatBiteException
}
```

This pet() method doesn't handle a GoatBiteException and thus must use the throws keyword to warn other code that it could throw a GoatBiteException

Creating an exception class

- Exceptions are classes like any other in Java
- They can have members, methods, and constructors
- All you need to do is make a class that extends Exception, the base class for all exceptions

```
public class SimpleException extends Exception {
}
```

- That's it.
- Although it makes them long, it's good style to put the word
 Exception at the end of any exception class name

throw keyword

- The throw keyword is used to start the exception handling process
- You simply type throw and then the exception object that you want to throw
- Most of the time, you'll create a new exception object on the spot
 - Why would you have one lying around?

```
throw new CardiacArrestException();
```

Don't confuse it with the throws keyword!

Exception throwing example

Here's a method that finds the integer square root of an integer

```
public static int squareRoot(int value) {
  if(value < 0)
    throw new IllegalArgumentException("Negative value!");
  int root = 0;
  while(root*root <= value) {
    ++root;
  }
  return root - 1;
}</pre>
```

If value is negative, an IllegalArgumentException will be thrown

Multiple catches with inheritance

Because a parent catch will catch a child, you have to organize multiple catch blocks from most specific to most general:

```
try {
  dangerousMethod();
catch (FusionNuclearExplosionException e) {
  System.out.println("Fusion!");
catch (NuclearExplosionException e) {
  System.out.println("Nuclear!");
catch (ExplosionException e) {
  System.out.println("Explosion!");
catch(Exception e) { // Don't do this!
  System.out.println("Some arbitrary exception!");
```

Practice

Sample Question 1

- Write a LonelyGoatherd class that implements the following interface with a yodel () method that returns the lyrics concatenated with itself repetitions times
- For example, values of "Yodelay!" and 3 would return:
 - "Yodelay!Yodelay!"

```
public interface Yodelable {
  String yodel(String lyrics, int repetitions);
}
```

Sample Question 2

- Write a (non-abstract) Salmon class that extends the Fish class
- Its species name should be "salmon"
- Implement the swim() method however you want

```
public abstract class Fish {
  private String species;
  public Fish(String species) {
    this.species = species;
  }
  public String getSpecies() {
    return species;
  }
  public abstract String swim();
}
```

Sample Question 3

What would the following code print out?

```
try {
  System.out.println("Let's eat some week-old scallops!");
  throw new FoodPoisoningException();
  System.out.println("That went great!");
catch (NullPointerException e) {
  System.out.println("Null!");
catch(FoodPoisoningException e) {
  System.out.println("Barf!");
catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
  System.out.println("Index!");
finally (
  System.out.println("Tomorrow is another day.");
```

Extended programming practice

- We can imagine a hierarchy of inheritance starting with a Person with the following members:
 - Name (final)
 - Age
- Student extends Person and adds:
 - Major
 - GPA
- Politician extends Person and adds:
 - Political party
- OtterbeinStudent extends Student and adds:
 - ID number (final)
- Members should have getters and setters as appropriate
- All classes should override the toString() and equals() methods

Upcoming

Next time...

- Exam 1!
 - Monday, in class

Reminders

- Finish Project 1
 - Due tonight!
- Review chapters 1-6, 8-12, and 17
- Look over labs, quizzes, and the project to prepare