Chapter 7
Object-Oriented Design

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Object-Oriented Design

• Now we can extend our discussion of the design of classes and objects

• Chapter 7 focuses on:
  – software development activities
  – determining the classes and objects that are needed for a program
  – the relationships that can exist among classes
  – the static modifier
  – writing interfaces
  – the design of enumerated type classes
  – method design and method overloading
  – GUI design and layout managers
Outline

- Software Development Activities
- Identifying Classes and Objects
- Static Variables and Methods
- Class Relationships
- Interfaces
- Enumerated Types Revisited
- Method Design
- Testing
- GUI Design and Layout
Program Development

• The creation of software involves four basic activities:
  – establishing the requirements
  – creating a design
  – implementing the code
  – testing the implementation

• These activities are not strictly linear – they overlap and interact
Requirements

- **Software requirements** specify the tasks that a program must accomplish
  - *what* to do, not how to do it

- **Often** an initial set of requirements is provided, but they should be critiqued and **expanded**

- It is **difficult** to establish detailed, unambiguous, and complete requirements

- Careful attention to the requirements can save significant time and expense in the overall project
Gaius Julius Caesar

Divide et Impera
Design

• A software design specifies **how** a program will accomplish its requirements

• A software design specifies how the solution can be **broken down into manageable pieces** and what each piece will do

• An object-oriented design determines which **classes** and **objects** are needed, and specifies how they will interact

• **Low level** design details include how **individual methods** will accomplish their tasks
MOBAS Architecture

Client (Smartphone, Tablet, PC, Wall)

- HTML5/CSS3
- jQueryMobile (JavaScript Framework)
- Browser (Firefox, Safari, Chrome, ...)
- OS (iOS, Android, ...)

Server

- LIFERAY PORTAL Portlet Container
- MOBAS Portlets
- External Components:
  - Messages
  - MAP
  - PHIS
  - Charts
  - Mobas JQM
- TOMCAT Server
  - JDBC
  - JSP/Servlet
  - JVM
  - DB (PostgreSQL)
  - OS
Implementation

• *Implementation* is the process of translating a design into source code

• *Novice programmers* often think that writing code is the heart of software development, but actually it should be the least creative step

• Almost all important decisions are made during requirements and design stages

• Implementation should focus on coding details, including style guidelines and documentation
Testing

- **Testing** attempts to **ensure** that the program will **solve** the intended problem under all the constraints specified in the requirements.

- A program should be **thoroughly tested** with the goal of finding errors.

- **Debugging** is the process of determining the cause of a problem and fixing it.

- We revisit the details of the testing process later in this chapter.
Quiz

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The specification phase is to understand the problem at hand so that the programmer can determine what needs to be done to solve the problem. The other efforts listed above are part of the design phase (A, C) and testing phase (D).
Quiz

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B) design
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D) testing
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The maintenance phase exists for as long as the software is in use. Software requires modification (such as new requirements such as new features or I/O specifications) and so the maintenance phase is on-going whereas the other phases end once the software has been released and is in use.
Quiz

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B) the waterfall model
C) iterative development
D) the recursive approach
E) the build-and-fix approach
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Programmers who do not think things through will often build a program that does not fit the original requirements. They then spend an inordinate amount of time trying to repair the program to more properly fit. This is known as "build-and-fix" and is a poor programming practice.
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Identifying Classes and Objects

- The **core activity** of object-oriented design is determining the classes and objects that will make up the solution.

- The classes may be part of a class library, reused from a previous project, or newly written.

- One way to identify potential classes is to identify the objects discussed in the requirements.

- **Objects** are generally **nouns**, and the **services** that an object provides are generally **verbs**.
Identifying Classes and Objects

• A partial requirements document:

  The **user** must be allowed to specify each **product** by its primary **characteristics**, including its **name** and **product number**. If the **bar code** does not match the **product**, then an **error** should be generated to the **message window** and entered into the **error log**. The **summary report** of all **transactions** must be structured as specified in section 7.A.

• Of course, not all nouns will correspond to a class or object in the final solution.
Identifying Classes and Objects

• Remember that a class represents a **group** (classification) of objects with the **same behaviors**

• Generally, classes that represent objects should be given names that are singular nouns

• **Examples:** Coin, Student, Message

• A class represents the concept of one such object

• We are free to instantiate as many of each object as needed
Identifying Classes and Objects

• Sometimes it is challenging to decide whether something should be represented as a class

• For example, should an employee's address be represented as a set of *instance variables* or as an *Address object*

• The more you examine the problem and its details the more clear these issues become

• *When a class becomes too complex, it often should be decomposed into multiple smaller classes to distribute the responsibilities*
Identifying Classes and Objects

• We want to define classes with the proper amount of detail

• For example, it may be unnecessary to create separate classes for each type of appliance in a house

• It may be sufficient to define a more general Appliance class with appropriate instance data

• It all depends on the details of the problem being solved
Identifying Classes and Objects

- Part of identifying the classes we need is the process of assigning responsibilities to each class.

- Every activity that a program must accomplish must be represented by one or more methods in one or more classes.

- We generally use verbs for the names of methods.

- In early stages it is not necessary to determine every method of every class – begin with primary responsibilities and evolve the design.
Quiz

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A) transience
B) static
C) persistence
D) serialization
E) finality
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Objects are stored in memory and are reclaimed by the garbage collector when they are no longer referenced or when a Java program terminates. It is desirable, however, to be able to save any given object for future use. This trait is called persistence, and the ability to do this is by saving the instance data of the object to a file.
Quiz

In which phase of program development would you expect the programmer(s) to create the pseudocode (e.g. a flowchart of the main algorithm)?

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Pseudocode is a description of an algorithm written in an English-like way rather than in a specific programming language. This is part of the program's design. In the implementation phase, the programmer(s) translates the pseudocode into the programming language being used.
Quiz

• Analyze the following requirements and identify possible classes

• The user must be allowed to select one category among: events, hotels, attractions, suggestions. Searching for hotels the user may specify the booking period, the required hotel facilities and preferred cost. Results could be ordered by distance to a target position (e.g., the current one), by price by the system predicted user utility. Attractions are searched by tags: the system provides the attractions that have been tagged with a user specified tag.
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Static Class Members

• Recall that a **static method** is one that can be invoked through its class name.

• For example, the methods of the **Math** class are static:

  ```java
  result = Math.sqrt(25)
  ```

• **Variables** can be **static** as well.

• **Determining** if a method or variable should be static is an important design decision.
The static Modifier

- We declare **static methods and variables** using the `static` modifier.

- It **associates** the method or variable **with the class** rather than with an object of that class.

- Static methods are sometimes called **class methods** and static variables are sometimes called **class variables**.

- Let's carefully consider the implications of each.
Static variable example

```java
class Pendulum
    float mass;
    float length;
    int cycles;
    position();
    static float gravAccel=9.8;

class TextBook
    Pendulum bigPendulum;
    Pendulum smallPendulum;

Pendulum bigPendulum
    float mass = 10.0;
    float length = 1.0;
    int cycles = 0.0;
    position();
    static float gravAccel=9.8;

Pendulum smallPendulum
    float mass = 1.0;
    float length = 1.0;
    int cycles = 0.0;
    position();
    static float gravAccel=9.8;
```
Static Variables

• Normally, each object has its own data space, but if a variable is declared as static, only one copy of the variable exists

```java
private static float price;
```

• Memory space for a static variable is created when the class is first referenced

• All objects instantiated from the class share its static variables

• Changing the value of a static variable in one object changes it for all others
Quiz

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  ```java
  private static double totalBalance = 0;
  ```
Static Methods

• Because it is declared as static, the `cube` method can be invoked through the class name:

```java
value = Helper.cube(4);
```
Quiz

Which of the following methods is a static method? The class in which the method is defined is given in parentheses following the method name.

A) equals (String)
B) toUpperCase (String)
C) showInputDialog (JOptionPane)
D) format (DecimalFormat)
E) paint (Applet)
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The JOptionPane class defines several of its methods to be static. Invoking these methods is done by using JOptionPane rather than a variable of type JOptionPane. The other methods above are not static.
Static Class **Members** (data and methods)

- The order of the modifiers can be interchanged, but by convention **visibility modifiers come first**

- Recall that the `main` method is static – it is invoked by the Java interpreter without creating an object

- Static methods cannot reference instance variables because instance variables don't exist until an object exists

- However, a static method can reference static variables or local variables (or static methods)
Quiz

• Can you find any syntax error here?

```java
public class BadStatic {
    private int bad;
    public BadStatic(int inputBad) {
        bad = inputBad;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        bad = (int) Math.random() * 6;
        System.out.println("Bad is: "+ bad);
        BadStatic objBad = new BadStatic(3);
        System.out.println("Bad in object is: "+ objBad.bad);
    }
}
```
Quiz

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    }
}
```

In a static method of a class (e.g., main) you cannot use an instance variable (non static), unless you have a reference to an object of that class.

This is legal
Static Class Members

• Static methods and static variables often work together

• The following example keeps track of how many Slogan objects have been created using a static variable, and makes that information available using a static method

• See SloganCounter.java
• See Slogan.java
public class SloganCounter
{

    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Slogan obj;

        obj = new Slogan ("Remember the Alamo.");
        System.out.println (obj);

        obj = new Slogan ("Don't Worry. Be Happy.");
        System.out.println (obj);

        continue
    }
}
obj = new Slogan ("Live Free or Die.");
System.out.println (obj);

obj = new Slogan ("Talk is Cheap.");
System.out.println (obj);

obj = new Slogan ("Write Once, Run Anywhere.");
System.out.println (obj);

System.out.println();
System.out.println ("Slogans created: " + Slogan.getCount());
obj = new Slogan("Remember the Alamo.
Don't Worry. Be Happy.
Live Free or Die.
Talk is Cheap.
Write Once, Run Anywhere.
Slogans created: 5

System.out.println();
System.out.println("Slogans created: " + Slogan.getCount());
}
Quiz

• Without looking at the next slide – write down the core code of the Slogan class (instance and class variables and constructor)

• Hints
  – one (instance or class ?) variable (count) for storing the number of slogans created and one for the slogan string
  – the code for updating the count variable must be in the constructor for the Slogan class
public class Slogan {
    private String phrase;
    private static int count = 0;

    // Constructor: Sets up the slogan and counts the number of instances created.
    public Slogan (String str) {
        phrase = str;
        count++;
    }
}

continue
continue

//  Returns this slogan as a string.
//-----------------------------------------------------------------
public String toString()
{
    return phrase;
}

//-----------------------------------------------------------------
//  Returns the number of instances of this class that have been
//  created.
//-----------------------------------------------------------------
public static int getCount ()
{
    return count;
}
}
Quick Check

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Why can't a static method reference an instance variable?

Because instance data is created only when an object is created.

You don't need an object to execute a static method.

And even if you had an object, which object's instance data would be referenced? (remember, the method is invoked through the class name)
Quiz

• What kinds of variables and methods can the main method of any class reference? Why?
Quiz

• What kinds of variables and methods can the main method of any class reference? Why?

• The main method is static, and therefore can only refer to static or local variables and static methods. The main method cannot refer to instance variable and non static methods (unless an object of the class is created and the method or the instance data is accessed through a reference to the object).
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Class Relationships

• Classes in a software system can have various types of relationships to each other

• Three of the most common relationships:
  – **Dependency**: A *uses* B
  – **Aggregation**: A *has-a* B
  – **Inheritance**: A *is-a* B

• Let's discuss dependency and aggregation further

• Inheritance is discussed in detail in Chapter 9
Dependency

- A *dependency* exists when one class relies on another in some way, usually by invoking the methods of the other.
- We've seen dependencies in many previous examples.
- We don't want numerous or complex dependencies among classes.
- Nor do we want complex classes that don't depend on others.
- A good design strikes the right balance.
Dependency

• Some dependencies occur between objects of the same class

• A method of the class may accept an object of the same class as a parameter

• For example, the `concat` method of the `String` class takes as a parameter another `String` object

\[
\text{str3} = \text{str1.concat(str2)};
\]
Dependency

• The following example defines a class called **RationalNumber**

• A rational number is a value that can be represented as the ratio of two integers

• Several methods of the **RationalNumber** class accept another **RationalNumber** object as a parameter

• See **RationalTester.java**
• See **RationalNumber.java**
public class RationalTester
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        RationalNumber r1 = new RationalNumber (6, 8);
        RationalNumber r2 = new RationalNumber (1, 3);
        RationalNumber r3, r4, r5, r6, r7;

        System.out.println ("First rational number: " + r1);
        System.out.println ("Second rational number: " + r2);
    }
}
if (r1.isLike(r2))
    System.out.println("r1 and r2 are equal.");
else
    System.out.println("r1 and r2 are NOT equal.");

r3 = r1.reciprocal();
System.out.println("The reciprocal of r1 is: " + r3);

r4 = r1.add(r2);
r5 = r1.subtract(r2);
r6 = r1.multiply(r2);
r7 = r1.divide(r2);

System.out.println("r1 + r2: " + r4);
System.out.println("r1 - r2: " + r5);
System.out.println("r1 * r2: " + r6);
System.out.println("r1 / r2: " + r7);
continue

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}
public class RationalNumber {
    private int numerator, denominator;

    public RationalNumber (int numer, int denom) {
        if (denom == 0)
            denom = 1;

        // Make the numerator "store" the sign
        if (denom < 0)
            { numer = numer * -1;
              denom = denom * -1;
            }
    
        continue
    }
continue

    numerator = numer;
    denominator = denom;

    reduce();
}

// *------------------------------------------------------------------
//  Returns the numerator of this rational number.
// *------------------------------------------------------------------
public int getNumerator ()
{
    return numerator;
}

// *------------------------------------------------------------------
//  Returns the denominator of this rational number.
// *------------------------------------------------------------------
public int getDenominator ()
{
    return denominator;
}
continue

//------------------------------------------------------------------------------
//  Returns the reciprocal of this rational number.
//------------------------------------------------------------------------------
public RationalNumber reciprocal ()
{
    return new RationalNumber (denominator, numerator);
}

//------------------------------------------------------------------------------
//  Adds this rational number to the one passed as a parameter.
//  A common denominator is found by multiplying the individual denominators.
//------------------------------------------------------------------------------
public RationalNumber add (RationalNumber op2)
{
    int commonDenominator = denominator * op2.getDenominator();
    int numerator1 = numerator * op2.getDenominator();
    int numerator2 = op2.getNumerator() * denominator;
    int sum = numerator1 + numerator2;

    return new RationalNumber (sum, commonDenominator);
}
continue
// Subtracts the rational number passed as a parameter from this rational number.

public RationalNumber subtract (RationalNumber op2) {
    int commonDenominator = denominator * op2.getDenominator();
    int numerator1 = numerator * op2.getDenominator();
    int numerator2 = op2.getNumerator() * denominator;
    int difference = numerator1 - numerator2;

    return new RationalNumber (difference, commonDenominator);
}

// Multiplies this rational number by the one passed as a parameter.

public RationalNumber multiply (RationalNumber op2) {
    int numer = numerator * op2.getNumerator();
    int denom = denominator * op2.getDenominator();

    return new RationalNumber (numer, denom);
}
// Divides this rational number by the one passed as a parameter
// by multiplying by the reciprocal of the second rational.

public RationalNumber divide (RationalNumber op2)
{
    return multiply (op2.reciprocal());
}

// Determines if this rational number is equal to the one passed
// as a parameter. Assumes they are both reduced.

public boolean isLike (RationalNumber op2)
{
    return (numerator == op2.getNumerator() &&
            denominator == op2.getDenominator() );
}
public String toString ()
{
    String result;
    if (numerator == 0)
        result = "0";
    else
        if (denominator == 1)
            result = numerator + ";
        else
            result = numerator + "/" + denominator;
    return result;
}
// Reduces this rational number by dividing both the numerator and the denominator by their greatest common divisor.
private void reduce ()
{
    if (numerator != 0)
    {
        int common = gcd (Math.abs(numerator), denominator);

        numerator = numerator / common;
        denominator = denominator / common;
    }
}
```java
private int gcd (int num1, int num2) {
    while (num1 != num2) {
        if (num1 > num2)
            num1 = num1 - num2;
        else
            num2 = num2 - num1;

    return num1;
}
```
Quiz

• Rewrite the `toString()` method of the class `RationalNumber` using the conditional operator

```java
public String toString() {
    String result;
    if (numerator == 0) {
        result = "0";
    } else if (denominator == 1) {
        result = numerator + ";";
    } else {
        result = numerator + "/" + denominator;
    }
    return result;
}
```
Quiz

- Rewrite the `toString()` method of the class `RationalNumber` using the conditional operator.

```java
public String toString() {
    return (numerator == 0) ? "0" : (denominator == 1) ? numerator + "" : numerator + "/" + denominator;
}
```
Quiz

The method `reciprocal` returns a new `RationalNumber` object. Write the code of a method of the class `RationalNumber` that transforms a `RationalNumber` object into its reciprocal (it changes the state of the object).
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```java
public void setReciprocal() {
    if (numerator != 0) {
        int temp = numerator;
        numerator = denominator;
        denominator = temp;
        if (denominator < 0) {
            numerator = numerator * -1;
            denominator = denominator * -1;
        }
    }
}
```
Aggregation

• An **aggregate** is an object that is made up of other objects

• Therefore aggregation is a *has-a* relationship
  – A family *has* some members

• An aggregate object contains references to other objects as **instance data**

• This is a **special kind of dependency**; the aggregate relies on the objects that compose it
Aggregation

- In the following example, a Student object is composed, in part, of Address objects.
- A student has an address (in fact each student has two addresses).
- The Student class aggregates Address(es).
- See StudentBody.java
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- See Address.java
public class StudentBody
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Address school = new Address ("800 Lancaster Ave.", "Villanova", "PA", 19085);
        Address jHome = new Address ("21 Jump Street", "Lynchburg", "VA", 24551);
        Student john = new Student ("John", "Smith", jHome, school);
        Address mHome = new Address ("123 Main Street", "Euclid", "OH", 44132);
        Student marsha = new Student ("Marsha", "Jones", mHome, school);
        System.out.println (john);
        System.out.println (marsha);
    }
}
public class StudentBody {

    // Creates some Address and Student objects and prints them.

    public static void main (String[] args) {
        Address school = new Address("800 Lancaster Ave.", "Villanova", "PA", 19085);
        Address jHome = new Address("21 Jump Street", "Lynchburg", "VA", 24551);
        Student john = new Student("John", "Smith", jHome, school);
        Address mHome = new Address("123 Main Street", "Euclid", "OH", 44132);
        Student marsha = new Student("Marsha", "Jones", mHome, school);
        System.out.println (john);
        System.out.println (());
        System.out.println (marsha);
    }
}
public class Student
{
    private String firstName, lastName;
    private Address homeAddress, schoolAddress;

    //-----------------------------------------------------------------
    // Constructor: Sets up this student with the specified values.
    //-----------------------------------------------------------------
    public Student (String first, String last, Address home, 
    Address school)
    {
        firstName = first;
        lastName = last;
        homeAddress = home;
        schoolAddress = school;
    }
    
    continue
// Returns a string description of this Student object.
public String toString()
{
    String result;
    result = firstName + " " + lastName + "\n";
    result += "Home Address:
" + homeAddress + "\n";
    result += "School Address:\n" + schoolAddress;

    return result;
}
public class Address {
    private String streetAddress, city, state;
    private long zipCode;

    // Constructor: Sets up this address with the specified data.
    public Address (String street, String town, String st, long zip) {
        streetAddress = street;
        city = town;
        state = st;
        zipCode = zip;
    }
}

continue
// -----------------------------------------------
// Returns a description of this Address object.
// -----------------------------------------------
public String toString()
{
    String result;

    result = streetAddress + "\n";
    result += city + ", " + state + " " + zipCode;

    return result;
}
}
Aggregation in UML

**StudentBody**

+ main (args : String[]) : void

**Student**

- firstName : String
- lastName : String
- homeAddress : Address
- schoolAddress : Address

+ toString() : String

**Address**

- streetAddress : String
- city : String
- state : String
- zipCode : long

+ toString() : String
The this Reference

• The **this** reference allows an object to refer to itself

• That is, the **this** reference, used inside a method, refers to the object through which the method is being executed

• Suppose the **this** reference is used **inside a method called** `tryMe`, which is invoked as follows:

  ```
  obj1.tryMe();
  obj2.tryMe();
  ```

• In the first invocation, the **this** reference refers to `obj1`; in the second it refers to `obj2`
The this reference

- The **this** reference can be used to distinguish the instance variables of a class from corresponding method parameters with the same names.

- The constructor of the `Account` class from Chapter 4 could have been written as follows:

```java
public Account (String name, long acctNumber, double balance) {
    this.name = name;
    this.acctNumber = acctNumber;
    this.balance = balance;
}
```
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Interfaces

• A Java interface is a collection of abstract methods and constants

• An abstract method is a method header without a method body (!?)

• An abstract method can be declared using the modifier abstract, but because all methods in an interface are abstract, usually it is left off

• An interface is used to establish a set of methods that a class will implement
Interfaces

public interface Doable
{
    public void doThis();
    public int doThat();
    public void doThis2 (double value, char ch);
    public boolean doTheOther (int num);
}

interface is a reserved word

A semicolon immediately follows each method header

None of the methods in an interface are given a definition (body)
Interfaces

• An interface **cannot be instantiated**

• **Methods** in an interface have **public** visibility by default

• A class formally implements an interface by:
  – **stating** so in the class header
  – providing **implementations** for every abstract method in the interface

• If a class declares that it implements an interface, it **must** define all methods in the interface
Interfaces

public class CanDo implements Doable
{
    public void doThis()
    {
        // whatever
    }

    public void doThat()
    {
        // whatever
    }

    // etc.
}

Each method listed in Doable is given a definition
Quiz

• Write the code of the interface ActionListener (in accordance to how you have it used it so far)
Quiz

• Write the code of the interface ActionListener (in accordance to how you have it used it so far)

```java
public interface ActionListener {

    public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent event);

}
```
Interfaces

• In addition to (or instead of) abstract methods, an interface can contain constants (public static final)

• For instance **Transparency**

```java
package java.awt;

public interface Transparency {
    public static final int OPAQUE = 1;
    public static final int BITMASK = 2;
    public static final int TRANSLUCENT = 3;
    public int getTransparency();
}
```
Interfaces

• When a class implements an interface, it gains access to all its constants:

public class Layer implements Transparency {}

Then you can evaluate: Layer.OPAQUE

• A class that implements an interface can implement other methods as well

• See Complexity.java
• See Question.java
• See MiniQuiz.java
UML diagram

MiniQuiz

+ main (args : String[]) : void

Question

+ getQuestion () : String
+ getAnswer () : String
+ answerCorrect (String) : boolean
+ toString() : String

<<interface>>
Complexity

+ getComplexity () : int
+ setComplexity (Int) : void
public interface Complexity
{
    public void setComplexity (int complexity);
    public int getComplexity();
}
// Question.java      Author: Lewis/Loftus

// Represents a question (and its answer).

public class Question implements Complexity
{
    private String question, answer;
    private int complexityLevel;

    // Constructor: Sets up the question with a default complexity.
    public Question(String query, String result)
    {
        question = query;
        answer = result;
        complexityLevel = 1;
    }

    continue
public void setComplexity (int level)
{
    complexityLevel = level;
}

public int getComplexity()
{
    return complexityLevel;
}

public String getQuestion()
{
    return question;
}

continue
```java
// Returns the answer to this question.
public String getAnswer()
{
    return answer;
}

// Returns true if the candidate answer matches the answer.
public boolean answerCorrect (String candidateAnswer)
{
    return answer.equals(candidateAnswer);
}

// Returns this question (and its answer) as a string.
public String toString()
{
    return question + "\n" + answer;
}
```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class MiniQuiz
{
    // Presents a short quiz.
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Question q1, q2;
        String possible;

        Scanner scan = new Scanner (System.in);

        q1 = new Question("What is the capital of Jamaica?", "Kingston");
        q1.setComplexity (4);

        q2 = new Question("Which is worse, ignorance or apathy?", "I don't know and I don't care");
        q2.setComplexity (10);
    
    continue
}
System.out.print (q1.getQuestion());
System.out.println (" (Level: " + q1.getComplexity() + ")");
possible = scan.nextLine();
if (q1.answerCorrect(possible))
  System.out.println ("Correct");
else
  System.out.println ("No, the answer is " + q1.getAnswer());

System.out.println();
System.out.print (q2.getQuestion());
System.out.println (" (Level: " + q2.getComplexity() + ")");
possible = scan.nextLine();
if (q2.answerCorrect(possible))
  System.out.println ("Correct");
else
  System.out.println ("No, the answer is " + q2.getAnswer());
What is the capital of Jamaica? (Level: 4)
Kingston
Correct

Which is worse, ignorance or apathy? (Level: 10)
apathy
No, the answer is I don't know and I don't care
Interfaces

- **Multiple classes** can implement the **same** interface
- A **class** can implement **multiple interfaces**
- The interfaces are listed in the `implements` clause
- The class **must** implement all methods in all interfaces listed in the header

```java
class ManyThings implements interface1, interface2 {
    // all methods of both interfaces
}
```
Interfaces

• The Java API contains many helpful interfaces

• The Comparable interface contains one abstract method called compareTo, which is used to compare two objects

• We discussed the compareTo method of the String class in Chapter 5

• The String class implements Comparable, giving us the ability to put strings in lexicographic order
The Comparable Interface

• Any class can implement `Comparable` to provide a mechanism for comparing objects of that type

```java
if (obj1.compareTo(obj2) < 0)
    System.out.println("obj1 is less than obj2");
```

• The value returned from `compareTo` should be negative if `obj1` is less than `obj2`, 0 if they are equal, and positive if `obj1` is greater than `obj2`

• It's up to the programmer to determine what makes one object less than another
Quiz

Implement the `compareTo` method for the class `RationalNumber`

```java
public class RationalNumber {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    ...
}
```
Quiz

Implement the compareTo method for the class RationalNumber

public class RationalNumber {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    ...
}

public int compareTo (RationalNumber num2) {
    RationalNumber diff = subtract(num2);
    return diff.getNumerator();
}
The Iterator Interface

• As we discussed in Chapter 5, an iterator is an object that provides a means of processing a collection of objects one at a time

• An iterator is created formally by implementing the Iterator interface, which contains three methods

  – The hasNext method returns a boolean result – true if there are items left to process

  – The next method returns the next object in the iteration

  – The remove method removes the object most recently returned by the next method (it is optional)
The Iterable Interface

• Another interface, `Iterable`, establishes that an object provides an iterator

• The `Iterable` interface (e.g. `ArrayList`) has one method, `iterator()`, that returns an `Iterator` object

• Any `Iterable` object can be processed using the for-each version of the `for` loop

• Note the difference: an `Iterator` has methods that perform an iteration; an `Iterable` object provides an iterator on request
Interfaces

• You could write a class that implements certain methods (such as `compareTo`) **without formally implementing the interface** (`Comparable`)

• However, formally establishing the relationship between a class and an interface allows Java to deal with an object **in certain ways**

• Interfaces are a key aspect of object-oriented design in Java

• We discuss this idea further in Chapter 10 (Polimorphism)
Quiz

- Define a Java interface called Nameable. Classes implementing this interface must provide a setName method that requires a String parameter and returns nothing, and a getName method that has no parameters and returns a String.
Quiz

• Define a Java interface called Nameable. Classes implementing this interface must provide a setName method that requires a String parameter and returns nothing, and a getName method that has no parameters and returns a String.

public interface Nameable {
    public void setName(String name);
    public String getName();
}

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Enumerated Types

• In Chapter 3 we introduced enumerated types, which define a new data type and list all possible values of that type:

```java
enum Season {winter, spring, summer, fall}
```

• Once established, the new type can be used to declare variables

```java
Season time;
```

• The only values this variable can be assigned are the ones established in the `enum` definition
Enumerated Types

• An enumerated type definition is a special kind of class

• The **values** of the enumerated type are **objects** of that type

• For example, `fall` is an object of type `Season`

• That's why the following assignment is valid:

  ```java
  time = Season.fall;
  ```
Enumerated Types

• An enumerated type definition can be more interesting than a simple list of values
• Because they are like classes, we can add additional \textit{instance data} and \textit{methods}
• We can define an \texttt{enum} constructor as well
• Each value listed for the enumerated type calls the constructor

• See \texttt{Season.java}
• See \texttt{SeasonTester.java}
These are the objects of the Season class

This is the only way to create objects of type Season because an enum cannot be instantiated.
Season (String months)
{
    span = months;
}

public String getSpan()
{
    return span;
}

public class SeasonTester
{
    // Iterates through the values of the Season enumerated type.
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        for (Season time : Season.values())
            System.out.println (time + "\t" + time.getSpan());
    }
}
public class SeasonTester {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        for (Season time : Season.values())
            System.out.println (time + "	" + time.getSpan());
    }
}

---

Output:

winter December through February
spring March through May
summer June through August
fall September through November
Enumerated Types

• Every enumerated type contains a static method called `values()` that returns a list of all possible values for that type

• The list returned from `values` can be processed using a for-each loop

• *An enumerated type cannot be instantiated outside of its own definition*

• A carefully designed enumerated type provides a versatile and type-safe mechanism for managing data
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Method Design

• As we've discussed, high-level design issues include:
  – identifying primary classes and objects
  – assigning primary responsibilities

• After establishing high-level design issues, it is important to address low-level issues such as the design of key methods

• For some methods, careful planning is needed to make sure they contribute to an efficient and elegant system design
Method Decomposition

- A method should be **relatively small**, so that it can be understood as a single entity.

- A potentially **large** method should be **decomposed** into **several smaller methods** as needed for clarity.

- A public **service** method of an object may call one or more private **support** methods to help it accomplish its goal.

- Support methods might call other support methods if appropriate.
Method Decomposition

• Let's look at an example that requires method decomposition – translating English into Pig Latin

• Pig Latin is a language in which each word is modified by moving the initial sound of the word to the end and adding "ay"

• Words that begin with vowels have the "yay" sound added on the end

  book ➔ ookbay  table ➔ abletay
  item ➔ itemyay  chair ➔ airchay
Method Decomposition

• The primary objective (translating a sentence) is **too complicated for one method** to accomplish

• Therefore we look for natural ways to decompose the solution into pieces

• Translating a sentence can be **decomposed** into the process of translating each word

• The process of translating a word can be **separated** into translating words that:
  – begin with vowels
  – begin with consonant blends (sh, cr, th, etc.)
  – begin with single consonants
Method Decomposition

• In a UML class diagram, the visibility of a variable or method can be shown using special characters
  • Public members are preceded by a plus sign
  • Private members are preceded by a minus sign

• See PigLatin.java
• See PigLatinTranslator.java
Class Diagram for Pig Latin

PigLatin

+ main (args : String[]) : void

PigLatinTranslator

+ translate (sentence : String) : String
- translateWord (word : String) : String
- beginsWithVowel (word : String) : boolean
- beginsWithBlend (word : String) : boolean
import java.util.Scanner;

public class PigLatin
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        String sentence, result, another;
        Scanner scan = new Scanner (System.in);
        continue

continue

do
{
    System.out.println ("");
    System.out.println ("Enter a sentence (no punctuation):");
    sentence = scan.nextLine();

    System.out.println ("");
    result = PigLatinTranslator.translate (sentence);
    System.out.println ("That sentence in Pig Latin is:" );
    System.out.println (result);

    System.out.println ("");
    System.out.print ("Translate another sentence (y/n)? ");
    another = scan.nextLine();
} 
while (another.equalsIgnoreCase("y"));
}
Sample Run

Enter a sentence (no punctuation):
Do you speak Pig Latin

That sentence in Pig Latin is:
oday ouyay eakspay igpay atinlay

Translate another sentence (y/n)? y

Enter a sentence (no punctuation):
Play it again Sam

That sentence in Pig Latin is:
ayplay ityay againyay amsay

Translate another sentence (y/n)? n
import java.util.Scanner;

public class PigLatinTranslator
{
    // Translates a sentence of words into Pig Latin.
    public static String translate (String sentence)
    {
        String result = "";

        sentence = sentence.toLowerCase();

        Scanner scan = new Scanner (sentence);

        while (scan.hasNext())
        {
            result += translateWord (scan.next());
            result += " ";
        }

        continue
    }
}
continue

            return result;
        }

    //---
    // Translates one word into Pig Latin. If the word begins with a
    // vowel, the suffix "yay" is appended to the word. Otherwise,
    // the first letter or two are moved to the end of the word,
    // and "ay" is appended.
    //---
    private static String translateWord (String word) {
        String result = "";

        if (beginsWithVowel(word))
            result = word + "yay";
        else
            if (beginsWithBlend(word))
                result = word.substring(2) + word.substring(0,2) + "ay";
            else
                result = word.substring(1) + word.charAt(0) + "ay";

        return result;
    }
private static boolean beginsWithVowel (String word) {
    String vowels = "aeiou";

    char letter = word.charAt(0);

    return (vowels.indexOf(letter) != -1);  
}
**private static boolean beginsWithBlend (String word) {**

```java
    return (word.startsWith("bl") || word.startsWith("sc") ||
            word.startsWith("br") || word.startsWith("sh") ||
            word.startsWith("ch") || word.startsWith("sk") ||
            word.startsWith("cl") || word.startsWith("sl") ||
            word.startsWith("cr") || word.startsWith("sn") ||
            word.startsWith("dr") || word.startsWith("sm") ||
            word.startsWith("dw") || word.startsWith("sp") ||
            word.startsWith("fl") || word.startsWith("sq") ||
            word.startsWith("fr") || word.startsWith("st") ||
            word.startsWith("gl") || word.startsWith("sw") ||
            word.startsWith("gr") || word.startsWith("th") ||
            word.startsWith("kl") || word.startsWith("tr") ||
            word.startsWith("ph") || word.startsWith("tw") ||
            word.startsWith("pl") || word.startsWith("wh") ||
            word.startsWith("pr") || word.startsWith("wr") );
```

**}**
Quiz

• Consider the following two methods of String
  – public int indexOf(String str) : Returns the index within this string of the first occurrence of the specified substring (str), and -1 if str does not occur in this string.
  – public boolean startsWith(String prefix) : Tests if this string starts with the specified prefix.

• What is the relationship between these methods? Implement startsWith using indexOf
Quiz

• Consider the following two methods of String
  — public int indexOf(String str) : Returns the index within this string of the first occurrence of the specified substring (-1 if it does not occur).
  — public boolean startsWith(String prefix) : Tests if this string starts with the specified prefix.

• What is the relationship between these methods? Implement startsWith using indexOf

```java
public boolean startsWith(String start) {
    return ((this.indexOf(start) == 0) ? true : false);
}
```

or even shorter …
Objects as Parameters

• Another important issue related to method design involves parameter passing

• Parameters in a Java method are *passed by value*

• A copy of the *actual parameter* (the value passed in) is stored into the *formal parameter* (in the method header)

• When an *object* is passed to a method, the *actual parameter* and the *formal parameter* become *aliases* of each other
Passing Objects to Methods

• What a method does with a parameter **may or may not have a permanent effect** (outside the method)

• Note the difference between changing the internal state of an object versus changing which object a reference points to

• See ParameterTester.java
• See ParameterModifier.java
• See Num.java
public class ParameterTester
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        ParameterModifier modifier = new ParameterModifier();

        int a1 = 111;
        Num a2 = new Num (222);
        Num a3 = new Num (333);

        continue
    }
}
System.out.println("Before calling changeValues:");
System.out.println("a1\ta2\ta3");
System.out.println(a1 + \"\t\" + a2 + \"\t\" + a3 + \"\n\");

modifier.changeValues (a1, a2, a3);

System.out.println("After calling changeValues:");
System.out.println("a1\ta2\ta3");
System.out.println(a1 + \"\t\" + a2 + \"\t\" + a3 + \"\n\");
continue
System.out.println
System.out.println "a1	a2	a3";
System.out.println (a1 + "t" + a2 + "t" + a3 + "n");
modifier.changeValues(a1, a2, a3);
System.out.println "After calling changeValues:");
System.out.println "a1	a2	a3";
System.out.println (a1 + "t" + a2 + "t" + a3 + "n");
}
}

Output
Before calling changeValues:
a1	a2	a3
111 222 333
Before changing the values:
f1	f2	f3
111 222 333
After changing the values:
f1	f2	f3
999 888 777
After calling changeValues:
a1	a2	a3
111 888 333
public class ParameterModifier {

    public void changeValues (int f1, Num f2, Num f3) {
        System.out.println ("Before changing the values:");
        System.out.println ("f1|f2|f3");
        System.out.println (f1 + "|" + f2 + "|" + f3 + "\n");

        f1 = 999;
        f2.setValue(888);
        f3 = new Num(777);

        System.out.println ("After changing the values:");
        System.out.println ("f1|f2|f3");
        System.out.println (f1 + "|" + f2 + "|" + f3 + "\n");
    }
}
public class Num
{
    private int value;

    public Num (int update)
    {
        value = update;
    }
}
public void setValue (int update) {
    value = update;
}

public String toString () {
    return value + "";
}
**STEP 1**
Before invoking `changeValues`

```
111  222  333
f1   f2   f3
```

**STEP 2**
`modifier.changeValues(a1, a2, a3);`

```
111  222  333
f1   f2   f3
```

**STEP 3**
`f1 = 999;`

```
111  222  333
f1   f2   f3
```

**STEP 4**
`f2.setValue(888);`

```
111  888  333
f1   f2   f3
```

**STEP 5**
`f3 = new Num(777);`

```
111  888  333
f1   f2   f3
```

**STEP 6**
After returning from `changeValues`

```
111  888  333
f1   f2   f3
```

```
Quiz

Write a static method of the class Die

```java
public static int rollIt(Die die)
```

that rolls the Die passed as parameter (change the state) and returns the new faceValue
Write a static method of the class Die

class Die {
    public static int rollIt(Die die) {
        return d.roll();
    }
}

that rolls the Die passed as parameter (change the state) and returns the new faceValue
Method Overloading

• Let's look at one more important method design issue: **method overloading**

• *Method overloading* is the process of **giving a single method name multiple definitions in a class**

• *If a method is overloaded, the method name is not sufficient to determine which method is being called*

• The **signature of a method** is: the **number**, **type**, and **order** of the parameters

• The **signature** of each overloaded method **must be unique**
Method Overloading

• The compiler determines which method is being invoked by analyzing the parameters

```java
float tryMe(int x)
{
    return x + .375;
}

float tryMe(int x, float y)
{
    return x*y;
}
```

Invocation

```java
result = tryMe(25, 4.32)
```
Method Overloading

• The `println` method is overloaded:

  `println (String s)`
  `println (int i)`
  `println (double d)`

  and so on...

• The following lines invoke different versions of the `println` method:

  ```java
  System.out.println ("The total is:");
  System.out.println (total);
  ```
Overloading Methods

• The return type of the method is **not** part of the signature

• That is, *overloaded methods cannot differ only by their return type*

• Constructors can be overloaded

• Overloaded constructors provide multiple ways to initialize a new object
Quiz

• For each of the following pairs of method headers, state whether or not the signatures are distinct

a. String describe (String name, int count)
   String describe (int count, String name)

b. void count()
   int count()

c. int howMany (int comparableValue)
   int howMany (int ceiling)

d. boolean greater (int value1)
   boolean greater (int value1, int value2)
Quiz

• For each of the following pairs of method headers, state whether or not the signatures are distinct

a. `String describe (String name, int count)`
   String describe (int count, String name) **YES**

b. `void count()`
   Int count() **NO**

c. `int howMany (int comparableValue)`
   Int howMany (int ceiling) **NO**

d. `boolean greater (int value1)`
   Boolean greater (int value1, int value2) **YES**
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Testing

• Testing can mean many different things

• It certainly includes **running** a completed program with various inputs

• It also includes any **evaluation** performed by **human** or computer **to assess quality**

• Some evaluations should occur before coding even begins

• The earlier we find an problem, the easier and cheaper it is to fix
Testing

• The goal of testing is to find errors
• As we find and fix errors, we raise our confidence that a program will perform as intended
• We can never really be sure that all errors have been eliminated
• So when do we stop testing?
  – Conceptual answer: Never
  – Cynical answer: When we run out of time
  – Better answer: When we are willing to risk that an undiscovered error still exists
Reviews

• A review is a meeting in which several people examine a design document or section of code

• It is a common and effective form of human-based testing

• Presenting a design or code to others:
  – makes us think more carefully about it
  – provides an outside perspective

• Reviews are sometimes called inspections or walkthroughs
Test Cases

• A test case is a set of input and user actions, coupled with the expected results

• Often test cases are organized formally into test suites which are stored and reused as needed

• For medium and large systems, testing must be a carefully managed process

• Many organizations have a separate Quality Assurance (QA) department to lead testing efforts
Defect and Regression Testing

- **Defect testing** is the execution of test cases to uncover errors

- The act of fixing an error may introduce new errors

- After fixing a set of errors we should perform regression testing – running previous test suites to ensure new errors haven't been introduced

- It is not possible to create test cases for all possible input and user actions

- Therefore we should design tests to maximize their ability to find problems
Black-Box Testing

• In *black-box testing*, test cases are developed without considering the internal logic

• They are based on the input and expected output

• Input can be organized into *equivalence categories*

• Two input values in the same equivalence category ***should*** produce similar results

• Therefore a good test suite will cover all equivalence categories and focus on the boundaries between categories
Quiz

• Go back in these slides to the RationalNumber class and the RationalTester program
• Is this a satisfactory example of black-box testing?
• What else would you propose to do?
White-Box Testing

- *White-box testing* focuses on the internal structure of the code
  - The goal is to ensure that every path through the code is tested
  - Paths through the code are governed by any conditional or looping statements in a program
  - A good testing effort will include both black-box and white-box tests
Quiz

• Go back in these slides to the RationalNumber class and the RationalTester program
• Is this a satisfactory example of white-box testing?
• What else would you propose to do?
Quiz

Of the various phases in software development, which of the following is usually the lengthiest?

A) specification
B) design
C) implementation
D) testing
E) maintenance
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D) testing  
E) maintenance

Software requires modification (such as new requirements such as new features or I/O specifications) and so the maintenance phase is on-going whereas the other phases end once the software has been released and is in use.
Quiz

Modifying a program in order to eliminate deficiencies is done in the __________ phase of the development cycle.
A) design  
B) implementation  
C) testing  
D) use  
E) maintenance
Quiz

Modifying a program in order to eliminate deficiencies is done in the __________ phase of the development cycle.
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B) implementation
C) testing
D) use
E) maintenance

Testing is used to find errors. Deficiencies are more commonly identified by the users of the system once the system has been released.
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GUI Design

• We must remember that the goal of software is to help the user solve the problem

• To that end, the GUI designer should:
  – Know the user
  – Prevent user errors
  – Optimize user abilities
  – Be consistent

• Let's discuss each of these in more detail
Do interfaces matter?

• Play this two-Person Game:
• Every player can take the numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., 9
• Alternate turns, taking one number at a time (if a number is taken by your opponent you cannot take it)
• A player wins with any 3 numbers that sum to 15
• 1, 3, 9, 5 wins because 1+9+5 equals 15
• 9, 6, 8, 7 does not win, because no 3 of them sum to 15
• Tie if numbers are all used up without a winner

Adapted from Norman, "Design of everyday things"
Magic square

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Users
Know the User

- Knowing the user implies an understanding of:
  - the user's true needs
  - the user's common activities
  - the user's level of expertise in the problem domain and in computer processing

- We should also realize these issues may differ for different users

- Remember, to the user, the interface is the program
Camera feature search

Our new camera feature search is the perfect way to find the digital cameras that best suit your specific requirements. Start your search by clicking on one or more of the basic body type icons. You can then narrow down your selection by adding search criteria from the pop-up menu. Add as many search criteria as you wish, but remember that the more specific you get, the fewer matches you'll see. You can compare up to 20 cameras in more detail by adding them to your shortlist - just click the compare button next to any camera in the list. To find out more about choosing the best digital SLR for you, read our beginner's guide.

Body style (63 cameras)
- Fixed lens cameras (515)
- Interchangeable lens cameras (133)

Zoom range: Any

› Show advanced search filters

63 matches found
Prevent User Errors

• Whenever possible, we should design user interfaces that **minimize possible user mistakes**

• We should choose the best GUI components for each task

• For example, in a situation where there are only a few valid options, using a menu or radio buttons would be better than an open text field

• Error messages should **guide** the user appropriately

**Important for your exam project**
Optimize User Abilities

• Not all users are alike – some may be more familiar with the system than others

• Knowledgeable users are sometimes called power users

• We should provide multiple ways to accomplish a task whenever reasonable
  – "wizards" to walk a user through a process
  – short cuts for power users

• Help facilities should be available but not intrusive
Wizard: My Product Advisor

The system decides what the wizard says

Possible user's requests

The system decides what the wizard says

Now you can:
- Answer more questions that are important to you.
- See recommended cameras based on your preferences so far.
- Review what you have done or start over.
Be Consistent

- **Consistency** is important – users get used to things appearing and working in certain ways.

- **Colors** should be used **consistently** to indicate similar types of information or processing.

- **Screen layout** should be consistent from one part of a system to another.

- For example, error messages should appear in consistent locations.
Layout Managers

• A layout manager is an object that determines the way that components are arranged in a container.

• There are several predefined layout managers defined in the Java API:

  - Defined in the AWT:
    - Flow Layout
    - Border Layout
    - Card Layout
    - Grid Layout
    - GridBag Layout
  - Defined in Swing:
    - Box Layout
    - Overlay Layout
# Predefined layout managers

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Layout Managers

- Every **container** has a **default** layout manager, but we can explicitly set the layout manager as well.

- Each layout manager has its own particular rules governing how the components will be arranged.

- Some layout managers pay attention to a component's preferred size or alignment, while others do not.

- A layout manager adjusts the layout as components are added and as containers are resized.
Layout Managers

- We can use the `setLayout` method of a container to change its layout manager:
  ```java
  JPanel panel = new JPanel();
  panel.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
  ```

- The following example uses a *tabbed pane*, a container which permits one of several panes to be selected

- Each tabbed pane contains a panel that is controlled by a different layout manager

- See `LayoutDemo.java`
- See `IntroPanel.java`
import javax.swing.*;

public class LayoutDemo
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Layout Manager Demo");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    }
}
JTabbedPane tp = new JTabbedPane();
tp.addTab ("Intro", new IntroPanel());
tp.addTab ("Flow", new FlowPanel());
tp.addTab ("Border", new BorderPanel());
tp.addTab ("Grid", new GridPanel());
tp.addTab ("Box", new BoxPanel());

frame.getContentPane().add(tp);
frame.pack();
frame.setVisible(true);
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class IntroPanel extends JPanel
{
    public IntroPanel()
    {
        setBackground (Color.green);

        JLabel l1 = new JLabel ("Layout Manager Demonstration");
        JLabel l2 = new JLabel ("Choose a tab to see an example of " + "a layout manager.");

        add (l1);
        add (l2);
    }
}
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class IntroPanel extends JPanel {
    public IntroPanel() {
        setBackground (Color.green);

        JLabel l1 = new JLabel ("Layout Manager Demonstration");
        JLabel l2 = new JLabel ("Choose a tab to see an example of " + "a layout manager.");

        add (l1);
        add (l2);
    }
}
Flow Layout

- *Flow layout* puts as many components as possible on a row, then moves to the next row
- Components are displayed in the order they are added to the container
- Each row of components is centered horizontally by default, but could also be aligned left or right
- The **horizontal and vertical gaps** between the components can be explicitly set (default is 5)

- See *FlowPanel.java*
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class FlowPanel extends JPanel {
    // Sets up this panel with some buttons to show how flow layout affects their position.
    public FlowPanel () {
        setLayout (new FlowLayout());
        setBackground (Color.green);
    }
}

// FlowPanel.java Authors: Lewis/Loftus
// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates the flow layout manager.

>Password: Lewis/Loftus

Please enter your password or other credentials.
continue

    JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
    JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
    JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
    JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");
    JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");
    
    add (b1);
    add (b2);
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JButton b2 = new JButton("BUTTON 2");
JButton b3 = new JButton("BUTTON 3");
JButton b4 = new JButton("BUTTON 4");
JButton b5 = new JButton("BUTTON 5");
add(b1);
add(b2);
add(b3);
add(b4);
add(b5);
```
Border Layout

- A *border layout* defines five areas into which components can be added.
Border Layout

• Each area displays **one** component (which could be a container such as a JPanel)

• Each of the four outer areas enlarges as needed to accommodate the component added to it

• If nothing is added to the outer areas, they take up no space and other areas expand to fill the void

• The center area expands to fill space as needed

• **See** BorderPanel.java
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class BorderPanel extends JPanel {
    // Sets up this panel with a button in each area of a border layout to show how it affects their position, shape, and size.
    public BorderPanel() {
        setLayout (new BorderLayout());
        setBackground (Color.green);
    }
}

continue

    JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
    JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
    JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
    JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");
    JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");

    add (b1, BorderLayout.CENTER);
    add (b2, BorderLayout.NORTH);
    add (b3, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
    add (b4, BorderLayout.EAST);
    add (b5, BorderLayout.WEST);
JButton b1 = new JButton("BUTTON 1");
JButton b2 = new JButton("BUTTON 2");
JButton b3 = new JButton("BUTTON 3");
JButton b4 = new JButton("BUTTON 4");
JButton b5 = new JButton("BUTTON 5");
add(b1, BorderLayout.CENTER);
add(b2, BorderLayout.NORTH);
add(b3, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
add(b4, BorderLayout.EAST);
add(b5, BorderLayout.WEST);
Grid Layout

• A grid layout presents a container’s components in a rectangular grid of rows and columns

• One component is placed in each cell of the grid, and all cells have the same size

• Components fill the grid from left-to-right and top-to-bottom (by default)

• The size of each cell is determined by the overall size of the container

• See GridPanel.java
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class GridPanel extends JPanel
{
    //----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    // Sets up this panel with some buttons to show how grid
    // layout affects their position, shape, and size.
    //----------------------------------------------------------------------------
    public GridPanel()
    {
        setLayout (new GridLayout (2, 3));
        setBackground (Color.green);
    }
}

GridPanel.java    Authors: Lewis/Loftus

// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates
// the grid layout manager.

//********************************************************************
//********************************************************************
continue

    JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
    JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
    JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
    JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");
    JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");

    add (b1);
    add (b2);
    add (b3);
    add (b4);
    add (b5);
    }
JButton b1 = new JButton("BUTTON 1");
JButton b2 = new JButton("BUTTON 2");
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JButton b4 = new JButton("BUTTON 4");
JButton b5 = new JButton("BUTTON 5");
add(b1);
add(b2);
add(b3);
add(b4);
add(b5);
Box Layout

• A box layout organizes components **horizontally** (in one row) or **vertically** (in one column)

• Components are placed top-to-bottom or left-to-right in the order in which they are added to the container

• By **combining** multiple containers using box layout, many different configurations can be created

• **Multiple containers with box layouts are often preferred to one container that uses the more complicated gridbag layout manager**
Box Layout

- *Invisible components* can be added to a box layout container to take up space between components
  - *Rigid areas* have a fixed size
  - *Glue* specifies where excess space should go

- Invisible components are created using these methods of the `Box` class:
  ```java
createRigidArea(Dimension d)
createHorizontalGlue()
createVerticalGlue()
```

- See `BoxPanel.java`
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class BoxPanel extends JPanel {
    // Sets up this panel with some buttons to show how a vertical
    // box layout (and invisible components) affects their position.
    public BoxPanel() {
        setLayout (newBoxLayout (this, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
        setBackground (Color.green);
    }
}

// BoxPanel.java Authors: Lewis/Loftus

// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates
// the box layout manager.
continue

    JButton b1 = new JButton("BUTTON 1");
    JButton b2 = new JButton("BUTTON 2");
    JButton b3 = new JButton("BUTTON 3");
    JButton b4 = new JButton("BUTTON 4");
    JButton b5 = new JButton("BUTTON 5");

    add (b1);
    add (Box.createRigidArea(new Dimension (0, 10)));
    add (b2);
    add (Box.createVerticalGlue());
    add (b3);
    add (b4);
    add (Box.createRigidArea(new Dimension (0, 20)));
    add (b5);
    }
JButton b1 = new JButton("BUTTON 1");
JButton b2 = new JButton("BUTTON 2");
JButton b3 = new JButton("BUTTON 3");
JButton b4 = new JButton("BUTTON 4");
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add(b3);
add(b4);
add(Box.createRigidArea(new Dimension(0, 20)));
add(b5);
Borders

• A border can be put around any Swing component to define how the edges of the component should be drawn

• Borders can be used effectively to group components visually

• The BorderFactory class contains several static methods for creating border objects

• A border is applied to a component using the setBorder method
Borders

• An *empty border*
  – buffers the space around the edge of a component
  – otherwise has no visual effect

• A *line border*
  – surrounds the component with a simple line
  – the line's color and thickness can be specified

• An *etched border*
  – creates the effect of an etched groove around a component
  – uses colors for the highlight and shadow
Borders

• A *bevel border*
  – can be raised or lowered
  – uses colors for the outer and inner highlights and shadows

• A *titled border*
  – places a title on or around the border
  – the title can be oriented in many ways

• A *matte border*
  – specifies the sizes of the top, left, bottom, and right edges of the border separately
  – uses either a solid color or an image
Borders

• A *compound border*
  – is a combination of two borders
  – one or both of the borders can be a compound border

• See  *BorderDemo.java*
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import javax.swing.border.*;

public class BorderDemo
{
    //-----------------------------------------------------------------
    //  Creates several bordered panels and displays them.
    //  *-----------------------------------------------------------------
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Border Demo");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        JPanel panel = new JPanel();
        panel.setLayout (new GridLayout (0, 2, 5, 10));
        panel.setBorder (BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder (8, 8, 8, 8));

        JPanel p1 = new JPanel();
        p1.setBorder (BorderFactory.createLineBorder (Color.red, 3));
        p1.add (new JLabel ("Line Border"));
        panel.add (p1);
    }
}
continue

```java
JPanel p2 = new JPanel();
p2.setBorder (BorderFactory.createEtchedBorder ());
p2.add (new JLabel ("Etched Border"));
panel.add (p2);

JPanel p3 = new JPanel();
p3.setBorder (BorderFactory.createRaisedBevelBorder ());
p3.add (new JLabel ("Raised Bevel Border"));
panel.add (p3);

JPanel p4 = new JPanel();
p4.setBorder (BorderFactory.createLoweredBevelBorder ());
p4.add (new JLabel ("Lowered Bevel Border"));
panel.add (p4);

JPanel p5 = new JPanel();
p5.setBorder (BorderFactory.createTitledBorder ("Title"));
p5.add (new JLabel ("Titled Border"));
panel.add (p5);

JPanel p6 = new JPanel();
TitledBorder tb = BorderFactory.createTitledBorder ("Title");
tb.setTitleJustification (TitledBorder.RIGHT);
p6.setBorder (tb);
p6.add (new JLabel ("Titled Border (right)"));
panel.add (p6);
```

continue
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    JPanel p7 = new JPanel();
    Border b1 = BorderFactory.createLineBorder(Color.blue, 2);
    Border b2 = BorderFactory.createEtchedBorder();
    p7.setBorder(BorderFactory.createCompoundBorder(b1, b2));
    p7.add(new JLabel("Compound Border");
    panel.add(p7);
    
    JPanel p8 = new JPanel();
    Border mb = BorderFactory.createMatteBorder(1, 5, 1, 1, Color.red);
    p8.setBorder(mb);
    p8.add(new JLabel("Matte Border");
    panel.add(p8);
    
    frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
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Border b1 = BorderFactory.createLineBorder(Color.blue, 2);
Border b2 = BorderFactory.createEtchedBorder();
p7.setBorder(BorderFactory.createCompoundBorder(b1, b2));
p7.add(new JLabel("Compound Border"));
panel.add(p7);

JPanel p8 = new JPanel();
Border mb = BorderFactory.createMatteBorder(1, 5, 1, 1, Color.red);
p8.setBorder(mb);
p8.add(new JLabel("Matte Border"));
panel.add(p8);
frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
frame.pack();
frame.setVisible(true);
Summary

• Chapter 7 has focused on:
  – software development activities
  – determining the classes and objects that are needed for a program
  – the relationships that can exist among classes
  – the static modifier
  – writing interfaces
  – the design of enumerated type classes
  – method design and method overloading
  – GUI design and layout managers
Quiz

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```java
public boolean equals(Foo a) {
    if(compareTo(a) == 0)
        return true;
    else
        return false;
}
```