Java - First Impressions for a C++ Programmer

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Moving from C++ to Java

- First, the good news...
 - You already know most of the language
 - * Syntax is largely the same as C++
 - * Semantics are similar
- Then, the bad news...
 - The "standard libraries" of Java and C++ are very, very different

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I'm not going to lecture on the basics

- · You already know most of them
- Readings from the course Outline page take you to CS382 material
 - do the readings
 - and the labs
- In this lesson, I'll highlight the differences between Java and C++ that you will need to get started
- Next lesson, I'll begin focusing on OO issues in Java

Program Structure

Hello Java

The traditional starting point:

```
public class HelloWorld {
  public static void main (String[] argv)
   System.out.println ("Hello, World!");
```

• Why is main() inside a class?

- Because Java has no standalone functions.
- All functions must be inside a class.
- Any class with a "public static void" main function taking an array of *String*s cane be executed.

Class Syntax

C++

Java

```
class MailingList {
                                               public class MailingList {
private:
                                                  private class Node {
   struct Node {
                                                     Contact data;
      Contact data;
      Node* next;
                                                     Node next;
   };
   Node* first;
                                                  private Node first;
                                               public MailingList()
public:
   MailingList()
                                                 {first = null;}
   \{first = 0;\}
                                                    :
};
```

- public and private are labels for each declaration, not names of "regions"
- No trailing semi-colon

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Packages

A Java *package* is like a C++ *namespace*:

• A container of classes and other, smaller packages/namespaces

C++

Java

```
namespace myUtilities {
   class Randomizer {
        i:
        };
};
package myUtilities;
class Randomizer {
        i:
        }
}
```



• Becomes part of the <i>fully qualified name</i>	of a class
C++	Java
myUtilities::Randomizer r;	myUtilities.Randomizer r;
We Can Have Short-Cuts C++	
using myUtilities::Randomizer	
: Randomizer r;	
Java	
import myUtilities.Randomizer; :	
Randomizer r;	
We Can Have Shorter Short-Cuts C++	Java
using namespace myUtilities;	<pre>import myUtilities.*;</pre>
	<pre>import myUtilities.*; : Randomizer r;</pre>
<pre>using namespace myUtilities; : Randomizer r;</pre>	
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2 Program Structure == File Structure

Class == File

- In C++, I can put a class *MailingList* in student.h and automobile.cpp if I want
- Not so in Java:

A class named "Foo" must be placed in a file named Foo. java

- And upper/lower case do count!

Classes are not Split into Two Files

- C++ distinguishes between class
 - declarations: usually placed in a header (.h file),

```
#ifndef MAILINGLIST_H
#define MAILINGLIST_H
#include <iostream>
#include "contact.h"

/**
    A collection of names and addresses
*/

class MailingList
{
public:
    MailingList();
    MailingList(const MailingList&);
    ~MailingList();

const MailingList& operator= (const MailingList&);

// Add a new contact to the list
void addContact (const Contact& contact);
```

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```
// Remove one matching contact
 void removeContact (const Contact&);
 void removeContact (const Name&);
 // Find and retrieve contacts
  bool contains (const Name& name) const;
  Contact getContact (const Name& name) const;
 // combine two mailing lists
 void merge (const MailingList& otherList);
 // How many contacts in list?
 int size() const;
  bool operator== (const MailingList& right) const;
  bool operator< (const MailingList& right) const;</pre>
private:
  struct ML_Node {
    Contact contact;
    ML_Node* next;
   ML_Node (const Contact& c, ML_Node* nxt)
      : contact(c), next(nxt)
    {}
 };
  int theSize;
 ML_Node* first;
 ML_Node* last;
 // helper functions
 void clear();
  void remove (ML_Node* previous, ML_Node* current);
  friend std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const MailingList& addr);</pre>
```

```
};

// print list, sorted by Contact
std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const MailingList& list);

#endif</pre>
```

and

- definitions: usually placed in a compilation unit (.cpp file)

```
#include <cassert>
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <utility>
#include "mailinglist.h"
using namespace std;
using namespace rel_ops;
MailingList::MailingList()
  : first(NULL), last(NULL), theSize(0)
{}
MailingList::MailingList(const MailingList& ml)
  : first(NULL), last(NULL), theSize(0)
  for (ML_Node* current = ml.first; current != NULL;
       current = current->next)
    addContact(current->contact);
}
MailingList::~MailingList()
  clear();
```

```
const MailingList& MailingList::operator= (const MailingList& ml)
  if (this != &ml)
    {
      clear();
      for (ML_Node* current = ml.first; current != NULL;
       current = current->next)
    addContact(current->contact);
  return *this;
// Add a new contact to the list
void MailingList::addContact (const Contact& contact)
  if (first == NULL)
    { // add to empty list
      first = last = new ML_Node(contact, NULL);
      theSize = 1;
   }
  else if (contact > last->contact)
    { // add to end of non-empty list
      last->next = new ML_Node(contact, NULL);
      last = last->next;
     ++theSize;
   }
  else if (contact < first->contact)
    { // add to front of non-empty list
      first = new ML_Node(contact, first);
      ++theSize;
   }
  else
    { // search for place to insert
      ML_Node* previous = first;
      ML_Node* current = first->next;
      assert (current != NULL);
      while (contact < current->contact)
    {
```

```
previous = current;
      current = current->next;
      assert (current != NULL);
      previous->next = new ML_Node(contact, current);
      ++theSize;
}
// Remove one matching contact
void MailingList::removeContact (const Contact& contact)
 ML_Node* previous = NULL;
 ML_Node* current = first;
 while (current != NULL && contact > current->contact)
    {
      previous = current;
      current = current->next;
 if (current != NULL && contact == current->contact)
    remove (previous, current);
void MailingList::removeContact (const Name& name)
 ML_Node* previous = NULL;
 ML_Node* current = first;
 while (current != NULL
    && name > current->contact.getName())
      previous = current;
      current = current->next;
  if (current != NULL
    && name == current->contact.getName())
    remove (previous, current);
}
```

```
// Find and retrieve contacts
bool MailingList::contains (const Name& name) const
 ML_Node* current = first;
 while (current != NULL
     && name > current->contact.getName())
      previous = current;
      current = current->next;
  return (current != NULL
      && name == current->contact.getName());
Contact MailingList::getContact (const Name& name) const
 ML_Node* current = first;
 while (current != NULL
     && name > current->contact.getName())
      previous = current;
      current = current->next;
 if (current != NULL
      && name == current->contact.getName())
    return current->contact;
 else
    return Contact();
// combine two mailing lists
void MailingList::merge (const MailingList& anotherList)
```

```
// For a quick merge, we will loop around, checking the
// first item in each list, and always copying the smaller
// of the two items into result
MailingList result;
ML_Node* thisList = first;
const ML_Node* otherList = anotherList.first;
while (thisList != NULL and otherList != NULL)
    if (thisList->contact < otherList->contact)
    result.addContact(thisList->contact);
    thisList = thisList->next;
  }
    else
    result.addContact(otherList->contact);
    otherList = otherList->next;
  }
  }
// Now, one of the two lists has been entirely copied.
// The other might still have stuff to copy. So we just copy
// any remaining items from the two lists. Note that one of these
// two loops will execute zero times.
while (thisList != NULL)
    result.addContact(thisList->contact);
    thisList = thisList->next;
while (otherList != NULL)
    result.addContact(otherList->contact);
    otherList = otherList->next;
// Now result contains the merged list. Transfer that into this list.
clear();
first = result.first;
last = result.last;
theSize = result.theSize;
result.first = result.last = NULL;
result.theSize = 0;
```

```
// How many contacts in list?
int MailingList::size() const
  return theSize;
bool MailingList::operator== (const MailingList& right) const
 if (theSize != right.theSize) // (easy test first!)
    return false;
 else
      const ML_Node* thisList = first;
      const ML_Node* otherList = right.first;
      while (thisList != NULL)
      if (thisList->contact != otherList->contact)
        return false;
      thisList = thisList->next;
      otherList = otherList->next;
      return true;
bool MailingList::operator< (const MailingList& right) const</pre>
 if (theSize < right.theSize)</pre>
    return true;
  else
      const ML_Node* thisList = first;
      const ML_Node* otherList = right.first;
      while (thisList != NULL)
      if (thisList->contact < otherList->contact)
```

```
return true;
      else if (thisList->contact > otherList->contact)
        return false;
      thisList = thisList->next;
      otherList = otherList->next;
      return false;
// helper functions
void MailingList::clear()
 ML_Node* current = first;
 while (current != NULL)
    {
      ML_Node* next = current->next;
      delete current;
      current = next;
    }
  first = last = NULL;
  the Size = 0;
void MailingList::remove (MailingList::ML_Node* previous,
       MailingList::ML_Node* current)
 if (previous == NULL)
    { // remove front of list
      first = current->next;
      if (last == current)
    last = NULL;
      delete current;
  else if (current == last)
    { // remove end of list
      last = previous;
      last->next = NULL;
```

```
delete current;
    }
  else
    { // remove interior node
      previous->next = current->next;
      delete current;
  --theSize;
// print list, sorted by Contact
std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const MailingList& list)</pre>
 MailingList::ML_Node* current = list.first;
 while (current != NULL)
    {
      out << current->contact << "\n";</pre>
      current = current->next;
   }
  out << flush;
  return out;
book1.setTitle(''bogus title'');
assert (book1.getTitle() == ''bogus title'');
book2 = book1;
assert (book1 == book2);
book1.setTitle(''bogus title 2'');
assert (! (book1 == book2));
catalog.add(book1);
assert (catalog.firstBook() == book1);>
```

```
string s1, s2;
cin >> s1 >> s2;
if (s1 < s2)
                   ''abc'' < ''def''
                       ''abc'' < ''abcd''
    х у
Exactly one of the following is true for any x and y
    x == y
    x < y
    y < x
 namespace std{
   namespace relops {
template <class T>
bool operator!= (T left, T right)
  return !(left == right);
template <class T>
bool operator> (T left, T right)
  return (right < left);</pre>
     using namespace std::relops;
```

• Java puts the entire class into one file

```
package mailinglist;

/**
 * A collection of names and addresses
 */
public class MailingList implements Cloneable {
    .
.
```

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```
/**
 * Create an empty mailing list
 */
public MailingList() {
first = null;
last = null;
 the Size = 0;
}
/**
 * Add a new contact to the list
 * @param contact new contact to add
public void addContact(Contact contact) {
 if (first == null) {
// add to empty list
 first = last = new ML_Node(contact, null);
 theSize = 1;
 } else if (contact.compareTo(last.contact) > 0) {
 // add to end of non-empty list
 last.next = new ML_Node(contact, null);
 last = last.next;
 ++theSize;
 } else if (contact.compareTo(first.contact) < 0) {</pre>
 // add to front of non-empty list
 first = new ML_Node(contact, first);
 ++theSize;
 } else {
 // search for place to insert
 ML_Node previous = first;
 ML_Node current = first.next;
 assert (current != null);
 while (contact.compareTo(current.contact) < 0) {</pre>
 previous = current;
 current = current.next;
 assert (current != null);
 previous.next = new ML_Node(contact, current);
 ++theSize;
```

```
}
}
/**
 * Remove one matching contact
 * @param c remove a contact equal to c
public void removeContact(Contact c) {
 ML_Node previous = null;
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null && c.compareTo(current.contact) > 0) {
 previous = current;
 current = current.next;
 if (current != null && c.equals(current.contact))
 remove(previous, current);
}
/**
 * Remove a contact with the indicated name
 * @param name name of contact to remove
 */
public void removeContact(String name) {
 ML_Node previous = null;
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null && name.compareTo(current.contact.getName()) > 0) {
 previous = current;
 current = current.next;
 if (current != null && name == current.contact.getName())
 remove(previous, current);
}
 * Search for contacts
 * @param name name to search for
 * @return true if a contact with an equal name exists
public boolean contains(String name) {
```

```
ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null && name.compareTo(current.contact.getName()) > 0) {
 current = current.next;
 return (current != null && name == current.contact.getName());
}
/**
 * Search for contacts
 * @param name name to search for
 * @return contact with that name if found, null if not found
public Contact getContact(String name) {
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null && name.compareTo(current.contact.getName()) > 0) {
 current = current.next;
 if (current != null && name == current.contact.getName())
 return current.contact;
 else
 return null;
}
 * combine two mailing lists
 */
public void merge(MailingList anotherList) {
// For a quick merge, we will loop around, checking the
 // first item in each list, and always copying the smaller
 // of the two items into result
 MailingList result = new MailingList();
 ML_Node thisList = first;
 ML_Node otherList = anotherList.first;
 while (thisList != null && otherList != null) {
 if (thisList.contact.compareTo(otherList.contact) < 0) {</pre>
 result.addContact(thisList.contact);
 thisList = thisList.next;
 } else {
 result.addContact(otherList.contact);
```

```
otherList = otherList.next;
 }
 }
 // Now, one of the two lists has been entirely copied.
 // The other might still have stuff to copy. So we just copy
 // any remaining items from the two lists. Note that one of these
 // two loops will execute zero times.
 while (thisList != null) {
 result.addContact(thisList.contact);
 thisList = thisList.next;
 while (otherList != null) {
 result.addContact(otherList.contact);
 otherList = otherList.next;
 // Now result contains the merged list. Transfer that into this list.
 first = result.first;
 last = result.last;
 theSize = result.theSize;
}
 * How many contacts in list?
public int size() {
 return theSize;
}
/**
 * Return true if mailing lists contain equal contacts
public boolean equals(Object anotherList) {
 MailingList right = (MailingList) anotherList;
 if (theSize != right.theSize) // (easy test first!)
 return false;
 else {
 ML_Node thisList = first;
 ML_Node otherList = right.first;
 while (thisList != null) {
 if (!thisList.contact.equals(otherList.contact))
```

```
return false;
 thisList = thisList.next;
 otherList = otherList.next;
 return true;
}
}
public int hashCode() {
 int hash = 0;
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null) {
 hash = 3 * hash + current.hashCode();
 current = current.next;
 return hash;
}
public String toString() {
 StringBuffer buf = new StringBuffer("{");
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null) {
 buf.append(current.toString());
 current = current.next;
 if (current != null)
 buf.append("\n");
 }
 buf.append("}");
 return buf.toString();
}
/**
 * Deep copy of contacts
public Object clone() {
 MailingList result = new MailingList();
 ML_Node current = first;
 while (current != null) {
 result.addContact((Contact) current.contact.clone());
 current = current.next;
```

```
}
 return result;
}
private class ML_Node {
 public Contact contact;
 public ML_Node next;
 public ML_Node(Contact c, ML_Node nxt) {
 contact = c;
 next = nxt;
}
}
private int theSize;
private ML_Node first;
private ML_Node last;
// helper functions
private void remove(ML_Node previous, ML_Node current) {
if (previous == null) {
// remove front of list
first = current.next;
 if (last == current)
 last = null;
 } else if (current == last) {
 // remove end of list
 last = previous;
 last.next = null;
 } else {
 // remove interior node
 previous.next = current.next;
 }
 --theSize;
```

- Function bodies are written immediately after their declaration
- To C++ programmers, these look like *inline* functions

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Package == Directory

- In C++, we can put our files into any directory we want, as long as we give the appropriate paths in our compilation commands
- In Java, all items that belong in package packageName must be stored in a directory filenamepackageName/

Packaging and Compiling 1

Suppose we are building a Java project in ~/jproject.

If we have a class

```
public class HelloWorld {

public static void main (String[] argv)
{
    System.out.println ("Hello, World!");
}
```

- It would be stored in ~/jproject/HelloWorld, java.
- The commands to compile and run this would be

```
cd ~/jproject
javac HelloWorld.java
java HelloWorld
```

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Packaging and Compiling 2

Suppose we are building a Java project in \sim /jproject.

If we have a class





```
package Foo;

public class HelloWorld {

   public static void main (String[] argv)
   {
      System.out.println ("Hello, World!");
   }
}
```

- It would be stored in ~/jproject/Foo/HelloWorld, java.
- The commands to compile and run this would be

```
cd ~/jproject
javac Foo/HelloWorld.java
java Foo.HelloWorld
```

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Packaging and Compiling 3

Suppose we are building a Java project in ~/jproject. If we have a class

```
package Foo.Bar;

public class HelloWorld {

   public static void main (String[] argv)
   {
      System.out.println ("Hello, World!");
   }
}
```

- It would be stored in ~/jproject/Foo/Bar/HelloWorld, java.
- The commands to compile and run this would be

```
cd ~/jproject
javac Foo/Bar/HelloWorld.java
java Foo.Bar.HelloWorld
```

Is Java Just Trying to Be Annoying?

Actually, no.

- To compile a C++ program, we have to give explicit paths to *each* compilation unit in our compilation commands and we need to #include each header, giving the correct path to it.
- The Java compiler finds the source code of our other classes that we use by looking at
 - the fully qualified name (e.g., MyUtilities.Randomizer, or
 - our import statements
- It just follows the package/class names to find the directory and file in which the rest of our code is located.
- At run time, the loader acts similarly to find our compiled code.

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3 Swimming in Pointers

Primitives are Familiar

- int, long, float, double
 - boolean, not "bool"
 - *char* is 16 bits, not 8, to permit the use of Unicode
- Variables of these types behave as you would expect

```
int x = 2;
int y = x;
++x;
System.out.println ("x=" + x + " y=" + y);
prints "x=3 y=2"
```

Everything Else is a Pointer

```
void foo(java.awt.Point p) {
   p.x = 1;
   java.awt.Point w = p;
   w.x = 2;
   System.out.println ("p.x=" + p.x + " w.x=" + w.x);
}
```

prints "p.x=2 w.x=2"

- Why did p.x change value?
 - Because p and w are references (pointers), so

```
java.awt.Point w = p;
```

causes w to point to the same value that p does.

Lots of Allocation

Because all new class variables are really pointers, all new class values have to be created on the heap: C++ Java

```
Point p (1,2); Point p = new Point(1,2); .....
```

Arrays of Pointers

C++ programmers need to be particularly careful dealing with arrays:

Java

C++

Without the loop, *q* would actually be an array of null pointers.

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Because there are so many pointers

- Sharing in Java is much more common than copying
 - If you do need a distinct copy, use the clone() function
 - * We'll see later that this is a "standard" function on all Java objects
- It's a good thing that Java features automatic garbage collection!

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Beware of ==

• The == operator works like you would expect on primitives

```
int x = 23;
int y = 23;
if (x == y)
    System.out.println ("Of course!");
```

• But for class objects, == is comparing addresses:

```
Point p = new Point(1,2);
Point q = new Point(1,2);
if (p == q)
   System.out.println ("Not gonna happen");
else
   System.out.println ("Surprise!");
```

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equals

To compare objects to see if they have the same *contents*, use the equals function:

```
Point p = new Point(1,2);
Point q = new Point(1,2);
if (p.equals(q))
   System.out.println ("That's better.");
else
   System.out.println ("Pay no attention...");
```

4 Exceptions

Exceptions

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An *exception* is a run-time error signal.

- It may be signalled (*thrown*) by the underlying runtime system...
 - or by programmer-suppled code
- Programs can *catch* exceptions and *handle* them ...
 - or let them go and allow the program to abort

Playing Catch

Try compiling and (if successful), running each of the following:

```
import java.io.*;
/**
  Demo of a program that may throw exceptions.
  @param argv The name of a file to open for input
public class OpenFile1 {
 /**
    Attempt to open a file
  */
 static void openFile (String fileName) {
    FileReader reader = new FileReader(fileName);
 }
 /**
    Attempt to open the file whose name is given in
     the first command line parmaeter
 public static void main (String[] argv) {
   String fileName = argv[1];
   openFile (fileName);
 }
import java.io.*;
/**
  Demo of a program that may throw exceptions.
  @param argv The name of a file to open for input
public class OpenFile2 {
 /**
    Attempt to open a file
  static void openFile (String fileName)
   throws java.io.FileNotFoundException
```

```
{
   FileReader reader = new FileReader(fileName);
 }
 /**
    Attempt to open the file whose name is given in
     the first command line parmaeter
  */
 public static void main (String[] argv) {
   String fileName = argv[0];
   openFile (fileName);
 }
import java.io.*;
  Demo of a program that may throw exceptions.
  @param argv The name of a file to open for input
public class OpenFile3 {
 /**
    Attempt to open a file
  static void openFile (String fileName)
   throws java.io.FileNotFoundException
  {
   FileReader reader = new FileReader(fileName);
 }
 /**
    Attempt to open the file whose name is given in
     the first command line parmaeter
 public static void main (String[] argv) {
      try {
      openFile (argv[0]);
      catch (java.io.FileNotFoundException ex)
```

```
{
    System.err.println ("Something is wrong with the file: " + ex);
}
System.out.println ("All done");
}
```

using both the names of exiting and non-exiting files, or no name at all.

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Unchecked Exceptions

Exceptions come in two main kinds: checked and unchecked

- unchecked exceptions could arise almost anywhere
 - e.g., NullPointerException, ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
- functions need not declare that they might throw these

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Checked Exceptions

checked exceptions are more specialized

- include all programmer-defined exceptions
- functions *must declare* if they can throw these

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Another Cultural Difference

- C++ actually has exceptions as well.
 - Same throw and try catch syntax
 - Can't declare what exceptions a function is known to throw
- But they are used much more widely in Java

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5 Corresponding Data Structures

The Java API

The Java API is huge, but well documented

- Focus initially on packages java.lang, java.io, and java.util
- BTW, You can use the **javadoc** to generate the same kind of documentation for your own code. Example

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Strings

C++ std::string: Java java.lang.String

- Strings in Java are *immutable*
 - You cannot change the contents of a string value
 - But you can compute a slightly different value and make a string variable point to the different value

Java

C++

If You Need to Change a Java String

use a StringBuilder

```
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
String line = input.readline();
while (line != null) {
    sb.append(line);
    sb.append("\n");
    line = input.readline();
}
String allTheText = sb.toString();
```

```
vector: ArrayList
```

C++

```
vector<string> v;
v.push_back("foo");
cout << v[0] << endl</pre>
```

Java

```
ArrayList<String> v = new ArrayList<String>();
v.add("foo");
System.out.println (v.get(0));
```

list: LinkedList

C++

```
list <string > L;
L.push_back("foo");
cout << L.front() << endl</pre>
```

Java

```
LinkedList<String> L = new LinkedList<String>();
L.add("foo");
System.out.println (L.getFirst());
```

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set: HashSet

C++

```
set<string> s;
s.insert("foo");
cout << s.count("foo") << endl</pre>
```



Java

```
HashSet<String> S = new HashSet<String>();
S.add("foo");
System.out.println ("" + S.contains("foo"));
```

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map: HashMap

C++

```
map<string , int > zip;
zip["ODU"] = 23529;
cout << zip["ODU"] << endl
```

Java

```
HashMap<String,Integer> zip
= new HashMap<String,Integer>();
zip.put("ODU", 23529);
System.out.println (zip.get("ODU"));
```

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