Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming Basic IO

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Screen Output

The Java standard library provides three primary methods in the System.out object for sending text output to the screen.

- System.out.print
- System.out.println
- System.out.printf (which just calls System.out.format)

System.out.print

System.out.print takes a String parameter and sends the string to the screen. The statements

```
System.out.print("Me");
System.out.print("ow!");
```

will produce the output

Meow!

System.out.println

System.out.println does the same as System.out.print but adds a newline character. The statements

```
System.out.println("Johnny");
System.out.println("Chimpo");
```

will produce the output

```
Johnny
Chimpo
```

System.out.printf

System.out.printf takes a *format string* and any number of additional arguments, and prints the result of inserting the additional arguments into the format string according to the format specifiers in the format string

- The format string can contain other text in addition to format specifiers
- Each format specifier begins with % and ends with a *conversion* character
- You can think of each format specifier as defining a field into which a value is inserted
- Like print, printf does not print a newline character at the end. End your format string with n if you want to end your output with a newline

printf is a convenience method for format

System.out.printf Examples

For full details, see http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/util/Formatter.html#syntax. Here are a few examples

■ "Decimals" (integers) - d, Strings - s

```
System.out.printf("%d %s.\n", 7, "Samurai");
```

prints

```
7 Samurai.
```

Floating point numbers - f

```
System.out.printf("I like %3.2f.%n", Math.PI);
```

prints

```
I like 3.14.
```

Play around with ConsoleOutput.java to get a feel for printf.

Number Formatting

printf is useful for general formatting, but if you need to print currency amounts and you want to "internationalize" your code, use a CurrencyFormatter NumberFormat.

```
NumberFormat us = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance();
System.out.println(us.format(3.14));

NumberFormat de = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(Locale.GERMANY);
System.out.println(de.format(3.14));
```

prints

```
$3.14
3,14 €
```

Packages and Imports

- All Java classes are organized in packages
- We've been using the default package (by not specifying a package)
- To use a class from a different package, you must either fully qualify it every time you use it, or import it

NumberFormat is in the java.text package. The top of the NumberFormat class contains the line:

```
package java.text;
```

And Locale is in the <code>java.util</code> package. So for our example from the previous slide to work we must include the following import statements at the top of our source file:

```
import java.text.NumberFormat;
import java.util.Locale;
```

See CurrencyFormatting.java

Console Input

You can read input from the console using the Scanner class

■ First import it from the java.util package

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

Then you can use a Scanner object to read, for example, three integers like this:

Basic File Input using Scanner

You can read from a file the same way you read from a keyboard by simply initializing with a File instead of System.in

```
Scanner gradeFile = new Scanner(new File("grades.txt"));
```

Scanner's hasNext method tells you whether there's more input to consume. A common idiom for reading all the lines of a text file is:

```
Scanner fileScanner = new Scanner(new File("ScannerFun.java"));
while (fileScanner.hasNext()) {
   String line = fileScanner.nextLine();
   // do something with line
}
```

See CourseAverage.java for a more detailed example.

Basic File Output using PrintStream

Look up System.out in the Java API documentaion. What's the type of System's out static variable?

- System.out is initialized to use the program's stdout file desicriptor, which is the console if output hasn't been redirected.
- We can create PrintStreams with other files or OutputStreams and write to them jsut like we've been eriting to the console.

```
PrintStream outFile = new PrintStream(new File("somefile.txt"));
outFile.println(...);
```

Stop and think about this for a moment. We can write to a text file the same way we write to a text console. What general principle in computing/programming is this an example of?

Programming Exercise

Write a program that

- reads all the lines of a file whose name is given at the command line,
- creates a new file whose file name is the original file name with "-uppercase" appended to the base name¹, and
- writes all the lines of the original file to the new file but in uppercase letters.

To do this, you'll need to look up String's lastIndexOf, substring, toUpperCase methods in the Java API.

■ Note: File's constructor throws a FileNotFoundException.

For now, deal with this by appending throws Exception to the signature of any method that instantiates a File or calls a method that does so. For example, in your solution to this exercise the main method's signature should be: