Creating and Destroying Objects

ITEM 1: CONSIDER STATIC FACTORY METHODS INSTEAD OF CONSTRUCTORS

All of objects creation were through factory methods such as:

• FileConfig.of(), for creating a FileConfig

ITEM 2: CONSIDER A BUILDER WHEN FACED WITH MANY CONSTRUCTOR PARAMETERS

I didn't have to use such types because most of the classes had either 1 or 2 constructors, and to keep fields immutable, so the data are thread safe.

ITEM 3: ENFORCE THE SINGLETON PROPERTY WITH A PRIVATE CONSTRUCTOR OR AN ENUM TYPE

I enforce the singleton property with a private constructor such as:

In the Client:

- AppDataManager(), a single AppDataManager instance is needed for the whole client application.
- AppFileHelper(), a single AppFileHelper instance is needed for the whole client application.

ITEM 4: ENFORCE NONINSTANTIABILITY WITH A PRIVATE CONSTRUCTOR

For all the utility classes are final and have their default constructor private to enforce non-instantiability.

I also used this idea to enforce using the factory methods instead of calling constructors.

ITEM 5: PREFER DEPENDENCY INJECTION TO HARDWIRING RESOURCES

In the client:

- Gson instance injects to AppFileHelper
- FileHelper instance injects to AppDataManager
- DataManager instance injects to AppMainController
- MainController instance injects to MainView

ITEM 6: AVOID CREATING UNNECESSARY OBJECTS

I tried to create as little objects as possible.

ITEM 7: ELIMINATE OBSOLETE OBJECT REFERENCES

I mostly used 'List' which is supposed to handle the memory issues.

ITEM 8: AVOID FINALIZERS AND CLEANERS

My code didn't use any of them.

ITEM 9: PREFER TRY-WITH-RESOURCES TO TRY-FINALLY

All the 'try-catch' statements that I used with 'Closable' objects were 'try-with-resources' such as:

- 'Socket' used to establish a connection on the client side.
- `StringSocketReader` used to read a string from a socket.
- `StringSocketWriter` used to write a string to the socket.
- `FileWriter` used to store a file from a stream of bytes.
- `FileReader` used to read a file from client storage.
- `FileSocketWriter` used to write a stream of bytes to socket.

Methods Common to All Objects

ITEM 10: OBEY THE GENERAL CONTRACT WHEN OVERRIDING EQUALS

All the 'equals()' methods were implemented through 'intellij' auto-generated code.

ITEM 11: ALWAYS OVERRIDE HASHCODE WHEN YOU OVERRIDE EQUALS

All the classes were 'equals()' were overridden, 'hashCode()' was overridden as well.

ITEM 12: ALWAYS OVERRIDE TOSTRING

All the instantiable classes have a `toString()` method.

ITEM 13: OVERRIDE CLONE JUDICIOUSLY

There was no need for the `clone()` method.

ITEM 14: CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING COMPARABLE

There was no need for comparable.

Classes and Interfaces

ITEM 15: MINIMIZE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF CLASSES AND MEMBERS

The access for all the classes and fields were set to minimum.

ITEM 16: IN PUBLIC CLASSES, USE ACCESSOR METHODS, NOT PUBLIC FIELDS

all non-final fields were accessed through `getter/setters` in all the classes.

ITEM 17: MINIMIZE MUTABILITY

I tried to keep my classes and fields immutable, such as:

FileConfig

ITEM 18: FAVOR COMPOSITION OVER INHERITANCE

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 19: DESIGN AND DOCUMENT FOR INHERITANCE OR ELSE PROHIBIT IT

In my code, you can inherit:

- `SocketReader`, so that you can create a new type of socket reader.
- `SocketWriter`, so that you can create a new type of socket writer.
- `StreamWriter`, so that you can create a new type of stream writer.
- `StreamReader`, so that you can create a new type of stream reader.

ITEM 20: PREFER INTERFACES TO ABSTRACT CLASSES

I created SocketReader, SocketWriter, StreamWriter, StreamReader to upper-limit the generic data types.

ITEM 21: DESIGN INTERFACES FOR POSTERITY

All of the interfaces are fully designed for posterity.

ITEM 22: USE INTERFACES ONLY TO DEFINE TYPES

All of the interfaces define a type only.

ITEM 23: PREFER CLASS HIERARCHIES TO TAGGED CLASSES

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 24: FAVOR STATIC MEMBER CLASSES OVER NONSTATIC

There are no inner-classes in my code.

ITEM 25: LIMIT SOURCE FILES TO A SINGLE TOP-LEVEL CLASS

I have only one top-level class in all the files.

Generics

ITEM 26: DON'T USE RAW TYPES

In all my uses `SocketReader`, `SocketWriter`, `StreamWriter` and `StreamReader` I defined them as generic and in the subclass I specified exactly what the type is.

ITEM 27: ELIMINATE UNCHECKED WARNINGS

All of the warnings are put in account.

ITEM 28: PREFER LISTS TO ARRAYS

There are no arrays in my code.

ITEM 29: FAVOR GENERIC TYPES

I used generic types in `SocketReader`, `SocketWriter`, `StreamWriter` and `StreamReader`.

ITEM 30: FAVOR GENERIC METHODS

I didn't need that in my project.

ITEM 31: USE BOUNDED WILDCARDS TO INCREASE API FLEXIBILITY

I didn't need that in my project.

ITEM 32: COMBINE GENERICS AND VARARGS JUDICIOUSLY

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 33: CONSIDER TYPESAFE HETEROGENEOUS CONTAINERS

Enums and Annotations

ITEM 34: USE ENUMS INSTEAD OF INT CONSTANTS

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 35: USE INSTANCE FIELDS INSTEAD OF ORDINALS

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 36: USE ENUMSET INSTEAD OF BIT FIELDS

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 37: USE ENUMMAP INSTEAD OF ORDINAL INDEXING

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 38: EMULATE EXTENSIBLE ENUMS WITH INTERFACES

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 39: PREFER ANNOTATIONS TO NAMING PATTERNS

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 40: CONSISTENTLY USE THE OVERRIDE ANNOTATION

All Overridden methods were tagged with the 'Override' annotation.

ITEM 41: USE MARKER INTERFACES TO DEFINE TYPES

Lambdas and Streams

ITEM 42: PREFER LAMBDAS TO ANONYMOUS CLASSES

I used lambdas when it was applicable to use.

ITEM 43: PREFER METHOD REFERENCES TO LAMBDAS

I used method references in most of my cases.

ITEM 44: FAVOR THE USE OF STANDARD FUNCTIONAL INTERFACES

I used `Function` interface to represent a function in my code.

ITEM 45: USE STREAMS JUDICIOUSLY

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 46: PREFER SIDE-EFFECT-FREE FUNCTIONS IN STREAMS

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 47: PREFER COLLECTION TO STREAM AS A RETURN TYPE

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 48: USE CAUTION WHEN MAKING STREAMS PARALLEL

Methods

ITEM 49: CHECK PARAMETERS FOR VALIDITY

The parameters are always validated before taken into account.

ITEM 50: MAKE DEFENSIVE COPIES WHEN NEEDED

The parameters are always validated before taken into account.

ITEM 51: DESIGN METHOD SIGNATURES CAREFULLY

The signatures are clear to the readers.

ITEM 52: USE OVERLOADING JUDICIOUSLY

No need.

ITEM 53: USE VARARGS JUDICIOUSLY

No need.

ITEM 54: RETURN EMPTY COLLECTIONS OR ARRAYS, NOT NULLS

I used empty optional instead of nulls.

ITEM 55: RETURN OPTIONALS JUDICIOUSLY

I used optional when returning an a remote path from the server.

ITEM 56: WRITE DOC COMMENTS FOR ALL EXPOSED API ELEMENTS

Doc comments were written for all exposed and non-exposed elements.

General Programming

ITEM 57: MINIMIZE THE SCOPE OF LOCAL VARIABLES

I tried doing that by defining local variables in the smallest scope.

ITEM 58: PREFER FOR-EACH LOOPS TO TRADITIONAL FOR LOOPS

I always used a for each since I didn't need the traditional one.

ITEM 59: KNOW AND USE THE LIBRARIES

Used the available libraries to convert between objects and json.

ITEM 60: AVOID FLOAT AND DOUBLE IF EXACT ANSWERS ARE REQUIRED

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 61: PREFER PRIMITIVE TYPES TO BOXED PRIMITIVES

I always used primitive types since I didn't need the boxed ones.

ITEM 62: AVOID STRINGS WHERE OTHER TYPES ARE MORE APPROPRIATE

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 63: BEWARE THE PERFORMANCE OF STRING CONCATENATION

ITEM 64: REFER TO OBJECTS BY THEIR INTERFACES

I always used interfaces to refer to objects.

ITEM 65: PREFER INTERFACES TO REFLECTION

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 66: USE NATIVE METHODS JUDICIOUSLY

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 67: OPTIMIZE JUDICIOUSLY

My project is open for posterity.

ITEM 68: ADHERE TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED NAMING CONVENTIONS

I always followed the naming conventions while naming classes, interfaces, fields, variables, methods, packages ...

Exceptions

ITEM 69: USE EXCEPTIONS ONLY FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS

I throw a `Runtime Exception` when something wrong happens, I follow the `Do Not Swallow The Exceptions` rule.

ITEM 70: USE CHECKED EXCEPTIONS FOR RECOVERABLE CONDITIONS AND RUNTIME EXCEPTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING ERRORS

I follow the 'Do Not Swallow The Exceptions' rule when I am faced with checked exceptions.

ITEM 71: AVOID UNNECESSARY USE OF CHECKED EXCEPTIONS

Didn't use any checked exceptions as they weren't needed.

ITEM 72: FAVOR THE USE OF STANDARD EXCEPTIONS

I used the standard exceptions when I threw an exception.

ITEM 73: THROW EXCEPTIONS APPROPRIATE TO THE ABSTRACTION

ITEM 75: INCLUDE FAILURE-CAPTURE INFORMATION IN DETAIL MESSAGES

The stack trace is always printed in the log in all the 'try-catch' statements.

ITEM 76: STRIVE FOR FAILURE ATOMICITY

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 77: DON'T IGNORE EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions are never ignored and well handled.

ITEM 79: AVOID EXCESSIVE SYNCHRONIZATION

I used the minimum synchronized operations.

ITEM 80: PREFER EXECUTORS, TASKS, AND STREAMS TO THREADS

The multi-threading used to listen, send and receive data from / to other users ran on a ExecuterService with a dynamic number of threads to handle all users requests.

ITEM 81: PREFER CONCURRENCY UTILITIES TO WAIT AND NOTIFY

There was no need to use wait and notify or any other alternatives.

ITEM 83: USE LAZY INITIALIZATION JUDICIOUSLY

I used lazy initialization to initialize `DataManager`, `FileHelper` singleton objects, And to initialize `Gson` in local thread.

ITEM 84: DON'T DEPEND ON THE THREAD SCHEDULER

There was no depending on the thread scheduler.

Serialization

ITEM 85: PREFER ALTERNATIVES TO JAVA SERIALIZATION

I use Json Object to send / receive data between Client / Server.

ITEM 86: IMPLEMENT SERIALIZABLE WITH GREAT CAUTION

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 87: CONSIDER USING A CUSTOM SERIALIZED FORM

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 88: WRITE READOBJECT METHODS DEFENSIVELY

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 89: FOR INSTANCE CONTROL, PREFER ENUM TYPES TO READRESOLVE

Not applicable to the project.

ITEM 90: CONSIDER SERIALIZATION PROXIES INSTEAD OF SERIALIZED INSTANCES