

Formatting Output

Formatting Integers and Decimal Values

NumberFormat

- Used to format numbers using different formats
 - Currency – `NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance()`
 - Integers – `NumberFormat.getIntegerInstance()`
 - Percents – `NumberFormat.getPercentInstance()`
 - Numbers – `NumberFormat.getNumberInstance()`
- When using the currency instance you can specify a Locale
 - `Locale locale = Locale.CANADA;`
- Use `format()` and `parse()` method to define and display how you will format the different numbers.
 - `format()` and `parse()` are opposites
 - `format` – formats a number using the chosen locale
 - `parse` – obtains the number from the String based on the locale and format

Using Format

Currency:

```
Locale locale = Locale.GERMANY;  
String string = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(locale).format(123.45);  
// 123,45 DM
```

```
locale = Locale.CANADA;  
string = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(locale).format(123.45);  
// $123.45
```

Number:

```
locale = Locale.GERMAN;  
string = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(locale).format(-1234.56);  
// -1.234,56
```

Percent:

```
Locale locale = Locale.US;  
String string = NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(locale).format(123.45);  
// 12,345%
```

Using Parse

Currency:

```
locale = Locale.CANADA;  
double num1 = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance(locale).parse("$123.45");  
// 123.45
```

Number:

```
double num1 = NumberFormat.getNumberInstance(locale.GERMAN).parse("-1.234,56");  
// 1234.56
```

Percent:

```
double num1 = NumberFormat.getPercentInstance(locale.US).parse("123.45%");  
// 1.2345
```

DecimalFormat

- DecimalFormat objects are obtained using the standard way for obtaining a class (new)
 - DecimalFormat formatter = new DecimalFormat(String);
- Other useful methods are applyPattern and format
 - applyPattern allows you to specify a pattern after you obtain the decimal formatter.
 - formatter.applyPattern("") – pattern goes in the double quotes
 - format performs the actual conversion from the double number to a String using the specified pattern.

Symbols used in Patterns

- The 0 symbol shows a digit or 0 if no digit present
- The # symbol shows a digit or nothing if no digit present
- The . symbol indicates the decimal point
- The , symbol is used to group numbers
- The ; symbol is used to specify an alternate pattern for negative values
- The ' symbol is used to quote literal symbols

Examples:

```
DecimalFormat formatter = new DecimalFormat("000000");  
String s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // -001235
```

```
formatter = new DecimalFormat("##");  
s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // -1235  
s = formatter.format(0); // 0
```

```
formatter = new DecimalFormat(".00");  
s = formatter.format(-.567); // -.57  
formatter = new DecimalFormat("0.00");  
s = formatter.format(-.567); // -0.57
```

```
formatter = new DecimalFormat("#,###,###");  
s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // -1,235  
s = formatter.format(-1234567.890); // -1,234,568
```

```
formatter = new DecimalFormat("#;(#)");  
s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // (1235)
```

```
formatter = new DecimalFormat("'#'#");  
s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // -#1235  
formatter = new DecimalFormat("'abc'#");  
s = formatter.format(-1234.567); // -abc1235
```